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Commander's Message

Reform Immigration Now



Keith Kreul

There is no question that one of the most important items on the congressional agenda today is desperately needed reform of our immigration laws. Even though polls taken over recent years show a majority of Americans wanting our country's borders controlled and immigration laws reformed, the House of Representatives has yet to act. Unless it does so now, there will be no controls or reform in the immediate future.

The American Legion has long supported immigration reform. Most recently, Resolutions 186 and 187 were adopted in Chicago in 1982, and Resolution 22 was adopted in Seattle in 1983. It is time to enact those resolutions into federal law.

For two years, the Senate has passed reform legislation. The House, in turn, has been blocked from taking action by some who overestimate the political clout of groups that advocate maintaining an unworkable immigration system—a system virtually powerless in dealing with illegal immigration.

For some, it may come as a surprise that the House indeed *does* desire action on immigration legislation. Until last Oct. 4, in fact, the House had every intention of debating and passing a reform bill, H.R. 1510. However, on that date, the Speaker of the House announced he would prevent the measure from reaching the floor for debate. He claimed that the measure lacked popular support, and that the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, along with leaders of Hispanic organizations,

vehemently opposed the bill.

While it is true that some Hispanic members of Congress and leaders of Hispanic organizations oppose the bill, that does not mean that immigration reform is unwanted by the American public at large. Polls have consistently shown the same results: Americans overwhelmingly want reform. It is even more ironic that the two most recent polls of black and Hispanic opinion—taken in July and October 1983—show that these groups, as well, overwhelmingly want reform. Considering this, we must wonder seriously whether congressional opponents of reform are properly advised of their constituents' views.

H.R. 1510 is undoubtedly one of the most controversial pieces of legislation to emerge in recent years. Any piece of legislation that brings order where none has existed must be comprehensive. So, it is completely predictable that so many would find so much wrong with this bill.

In fairness to the Speaker, there are those who believe the measure has little popular support—apparently because so many interested parties have expressed such strong objections to

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specific provisions within it. At the same time, there are many members of Congress who are appalled at the prospect of being denied the opportunity to debate the bill early this year.

On Dec. 1, 1983, the Speaker changed his mind. The legislation would be brought to the floor early in February.

Now is the time to act. Before there is another position reversal, we must all assure our representatives that they have our full support, and that anything less than the earliest possible debate on immigration is unacceptable.

One method of insuring earliest consideration already has been introduced into the House. In the form of Discharge Petition No. 5, introduced by Rep. Daniel E. Lungren, R-Calif., the measure would discharge the

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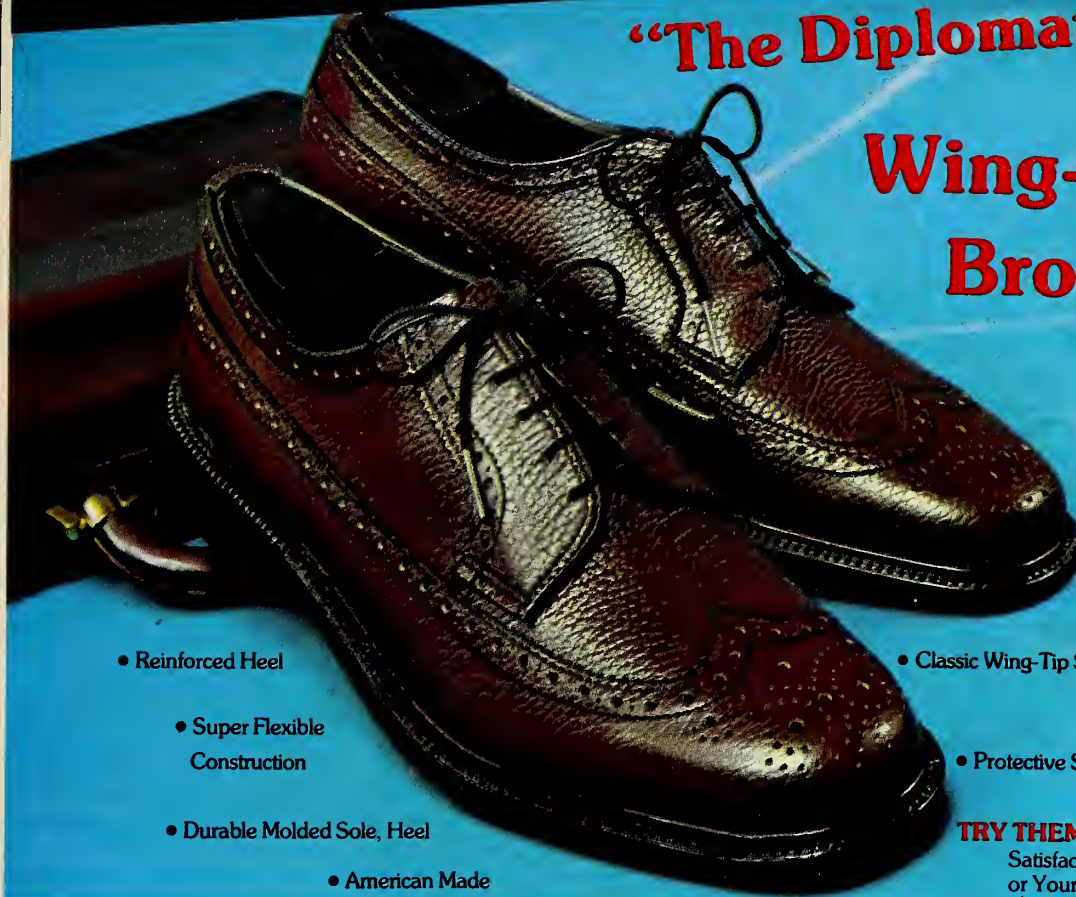
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Big Issues

Should US Investment Be Required Of Foreign Auto Parts Suppliers?



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D-N.Y.

Yes. The United States must adopt a long-term strategy that will rebuild our automobile industry and lead to the rehiring of thousands of unemployed. H.R. 1234, the domestic content legislation which I introduced, provides the basis for such a strategy. The bill, recently approved by the House, encourages foreign automobile companies that sell a large number of cars in the US to invest here.

America has become a victim of its free trade policy. Our international competitors, while shielding their markets, take full advantage of the open American market. Our prominence in the international marketplace is waning, and foreign goods are occupying a greater share of our domestic market. Industries that once were the cornerstone of our industrial base are bending under the pressure of cheap imports. The automobile industry is a prime example.

Our nation's industrial base relies on the strength of the auto industry. It consumes 12 to 60 percent of our steel, malleable iron, zinc, copper and synthetic rubber. As car production rises, so will the demand for these materials.

Thousands count on the auto industry as a provider of jobs. Between 1978 and 1983 the number of auto workers has dropped by 180,000. In the auto supplier industries, 600,000 have lost their jobs. Domestic-content legislation will create more than one million jobs.

Without this legislation, the cost to our economy will be devastating. Today, imports occupy 27 percent of our auto market. Despite the 1981 agreement to limit Japanese imports to 1.68 million cars, their share of the US market has jumped from 16.5 percent in 1978 to 22 percent in 1983.

Imports also account for a growing share of parts production. Engine imports alone rose 150 percent between 1978 and 1982. The accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., predicted that "outsourcing" could increase to 20-25 percent of all parts by 1980. Domestic-content legislation would limit outsourcing by the big three auto firms to 10 percent and save 200,000 American jobs.

It seems unlikely that our trading partners will retaliate against enactment of this law. Auto import restrictions are a worldwide practice: 31 countries have already adopted domestic-content requirements. Some Western European countries severely limit Japanese imports. These countries will not retaliate against a policy so mild in comparison. The majority of our trading partners rely on American exports, including raw materials and grains. While all nations would lose, our trading partners would be worse off than the US in a trade war.

Opponents of domestic-content legislation offer no plausible alternatives to an auto-free American economy. We cannot allow the employer of thousands of persons and the cornerstone of our national industrial base to erode without the gravest risks to our economy. We need a remedy, and domestic content is it.



Rep. William E.
Dannemeyer,
R-Calif.

No. The domestic-content bill would reduce competition, and thus hurt consumers.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that it would increase car prices by an average of \$333 per car. The Commerce Department put the impact at \$450 per vehicle, while Wharton Econometric Associates forecast a 10 percent increase.

I fail to see how increased car prices will sell more US-made cars and put more Americans back to work. Actually, the domestic-content bill would put more Americans out of work.

While some auto jobs would be saved, others would be lost in port cities that process imported vehicles and in dealerships. The job loss would also reach to non-auto workers in export sectors such as agriculture, aerospace and electronics. The CBO put the net job loss at 67,000, while Wharton calculated an eventual loss of 365,000 jobs.

Since domestic-content violates our trade agreements, other countries could seek compensation against our exports. Also, the mere fact that we would be purchasing less from our trading partners means that they would have less money to spend on our goods and services.

I do not blame the United Auto Workers for making this bill a top priority. They receive a wage rate that is 28 percent higher than the average manufacturing wage. When fringe benefits are added, the gap rises to 60 percent. This could be justified when productivity was high. But, today, it takes the US 200 man-hours to produce a subcompact car, while it takes the Japanese only 111 hours.

While auto unemployment is down sharply, there are still tens of thousands out of work. A \$22 per hour contract is great, but unless it is competitive there will be too few jobs for workers at that level. Instead of looking at slight wage and benefit concessions, the UAW wants Congress to preserve the status quo through protectionism.

The sad thing is that we do have serious trade problems and a recovering, but still vulnerable, auto industry. The real answers lie in cutting spending to reduce the budget deficit so interest rates can come down. Lower interest rates will spur new car sales and reduce the artificial cost advantage that the Japanese enjoy due to the exchange rate between the dollar and the yen. Our trade laws can be strengthened to require reciprocal foreign treatment of our goods and services and empower the President to enforce that approach through administrative measures.

The history of protectionism in the 1930s demonstrates that we do not improve our own economy by making that of other nations less competitive. We should not put some Americans back to work on the auto assembly line by putting even more Americans out on the unemployment line.

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The legislation would pay out up to \$10,000 for citizens calling in information resulting in cost reductions or economies to the government, with special prizes of \$20,000 for big winners chosen by the President.

Americans Bilked By Fake Imports

Counterfeiters are demonstrating a flair for bilking the American consumer with fake imports of brand-name products, such as auto parts, designer jeans, drugs and watches—a scam adding up to some \$16 billion a year, according to sponsors of legislation to come down hard on illegal marketing of trademarked goods.

Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., R-Md., who supports the legislation, has underscored the fact that not only are the manufacturers of the genuine articles being hurt by this flimflam, but the US public is unwittingly purchasing shoddy and even life-threatening items.

The legislation would set criminal penalties up to \$250,000 and five years imprisonment for trafficking in counterfeit goods, with firms knowingly dealing in these items penalized as much as \$1 million.

Limit Congress Service To 12 Years?

The relatively low standing of Congress in the opinion of our citizenry, as revealed by polls, may give new impetus to a move by Capitol Hill reformers to limit the service of representatives and senators to 12 years.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., has introduced legislation which could lead to a constitutional amendment restricting representatives to six two-year terms, and senators to two six-year terms. He observes that the Chief Executive has been held to two terms since 1951, after Franklin D. Roosevelt held forth in the White House for 13 years.

It was fear of an "imperial presidency" that put limits on White House service, Nickles says. Congress, too, needs fresh infusions of citizens to prevent the establishment of bureaucratic power bases by long-serving members.

Confiscation Creates Space Jam

Whether or not US agencies are winning the battle to halt the flow of illegal aliens, narcotics and contraband, there is no question that vehicles seized by enforcement officers are cramming garages and storage spaces.

Latest figures indicate that federal agents confiscated more than 9,000 cars, boats, planes and other conveyances in a single year. Although these vehicles are eventually sold, the take is not enough to cover the costs of seizing, storing and selling them.

The problem, the Comptroller General reported to a House committee, is that it takes 18 months to process confiscated conveyances through the courts, so as to permit a sell-off. Another problem is that the seven enforcement agencies involved cannot find manpower or time to maintain sequestered yachts, helicopters and other items.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

It Takes An Awful Lot Of Water—"Just as Americans have discovered the hidden costs of energy in a multitude of products, they are also about to discover the hidden costs of water. According to water experts . . . it takes 14,395 gallons of water to grow a bushel of wheat, 60,000 gallons to produce a ton of steel and 120 gallons to put a single egg on the breakfast table." Rep. **E. Thomas Coleman**, R-Mo.

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Bombs Can't Hit Target—"You can bomb the Capitol, but you cannot bomb democracy." Sen. **Daniel P. Moynihan**, D-N.Y.

Lore Of The Orient—"To ask a politician for classic virtue such as honesty and purity is like asking for fish at the vegetable store." **Akira Hatano**, Minister of Justice, Japan.

Missiles For Freedom—"In a world without peace we must be prepared to do what is necessary to safeguard our freedom and security. Peace and freedom have their price and everybody must be willing to make the necessary sacrifices. The protection of our freedom now demands that we begin with the stationing of new American intermediate-range nuclear weapons." Chancellor **Helmut Kohl**, West Germany.

Allies Need Not Be Friends—"It is worth remembering that the Founding Fathers eagerly accepted an alliance with monarchical France without ever fudging their detestation of absolute monarchies in general. Similarly, it ought to be possible for us to have an alliance, should we find it advantageous, with Communist China or racist South Africa without for a moment concealing our detestation of their political systems. Allies aren't necessarily friends." **Irving Kristol**, John M. Olin professor, NYU Graduate School of Business.

Inquiring Press—Yes, But . . .—"When challenged or criticized, members of the media usually tend to behave like any other self-serving group . . . They demand access to government and to other institutions and interests, but resist being as open to inquiry about themselves." **Richard M. Clurman**, chairman of the board, Media and Society Seminars.

US vs. Soviet Creativity—"Compare the frozen nature of communist society, which is almost insanely conservative in social habits as well as ideas, with your own: ideas, minority groups, experiments in work, experiments in living and leisure are given free expression here, whereas in Russia they would lead to imprisonment or death. By its very nature, capitalism must welcome experiment, change, the creation of new markets." Sir **John H. Plumb**, British historian.

The World A Chessboard—"There is an alarmingly low level of awareness of the Soviet global threat—a tendency to look at Central America and the Caribbean, pacifist marches against the deployment of Euromissiles, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf, just to cite a few examples, as separate, unrelated crises. For Soviet planners and decision-makers, the world is a single chessboard. This is not a conspiracy theory—but fact, as any Soviet KGB defector can confirm." **Jean-Maire Benoist**, author, journalist.

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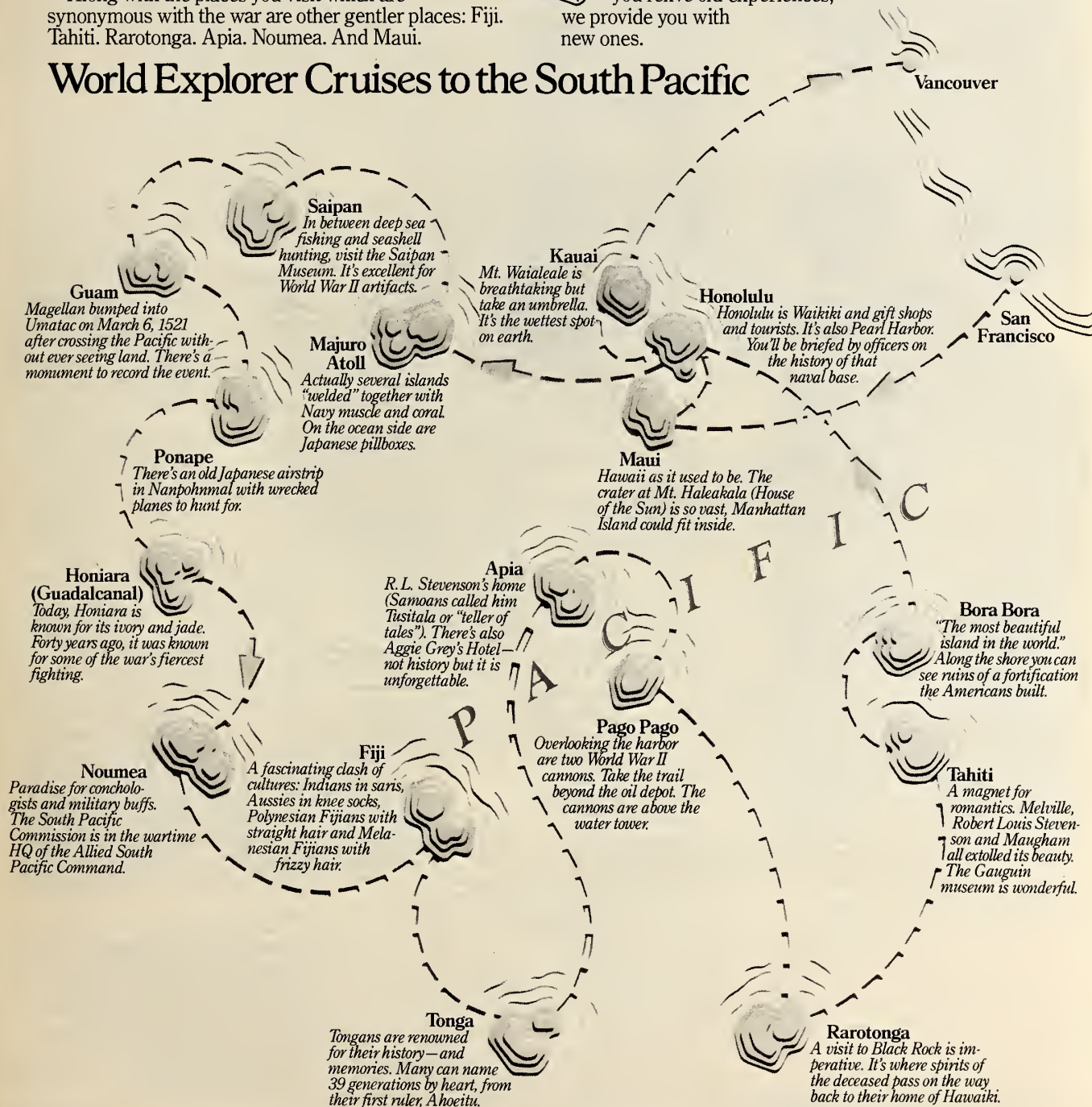
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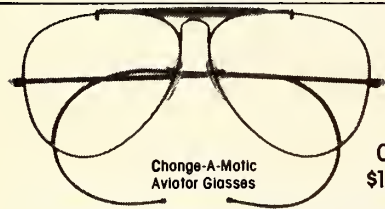
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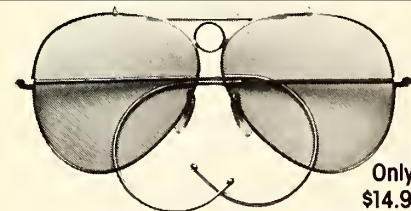
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Letters

Invasion

• Thank you for "The Invasion That God Stopped?" (December). We have read and re-read this article with awe and wonder. In our opinion, your excellent magazine has shot up in stature. Please accept our profound appreciation.

JANET C. GOWAN
Boonville, Ga.

• I commend you for this article. I do believe it is possible that the prayer of this one humble man, Kirpal Singh, may have saved India from a disastrous war.

MARVIN WAHLERT
Williams, Iowa

• As a CBI veteran who saw some of the dirtiest and bloodiest fighting of WWII in this theater, I question the simplicity of a Chinese invasion of India by way of the Himalayan mountain passes. Author Zaslove should have been there at the time of WWII to point out an easy way over the Hump to China. The lives of hundreds of our airmen who flew that perilous route would have been spared.

ORBIN ERICKSON
Hoople, N.D.

Hospitals

• I was pleased to read "Rx For Soaring Hospital Costs" (November) on the escalating cost of health care. There is no doubt that hospitals are ripping off the government because it is impossible to audit millions of hospital bills. While the government is paying out those billions to enhance the health factories, hundreds of GIs are told there is no room at the inn!

KENDALL J. WENTZ
Kimberling City, Mo.

Merchant Marine

• I must take exception to Tracy Thompson's letter-to-the-editor (November) relative to "Merchant Marine In Decline" (September). I am a merchant seaman and no able-bodied seaman earns \$45,048 a year unless he works 365 days yearly and many hours overtime each day. Monthly base pay on a freighter is \$1,561.12 and the overtime rate is \$13.52 per hour. We often work 16 to 18 hours,

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seven days a week, in any kind of weather. Mr. Thompson is unaware that Japanese seamen earn more than American seamen and receive more fringe benefits.

FRANCIS ALKOFR
Goose Creek, S.C.

Weather

• The article "Weather Forecasting: Yes, It's Getting Better" (December) was of interest to me because it failed to mention the significant effort made by the US Coast Guard during WWII to obtain weather data essential to the operation of the Flying Fortresses to England and the European theater. These ships would spend approximately 30 days on a tour of duty south of Iceland (in the area of the convoy lanes on the North Atlantic) or in the Caribbean. This service was to be discontinued after the war, but airlines planning transatlantic flights assured its continuance under a government program. I spent 19 months aboard various small ships and lake freighters, helping to provide platforms for the civilian meteorologists to operate from. In retrospect, in light of the tremendous advancement in this area, their efforts in those days were primitive, but nonetheless vital.

JOHN J. KENNEDY JR
Springfield, La.

Tarawa

• I read your article "Indelible Tarawa" (November) and thought it quite good. But I don't understand what is meant by "A housewife could grasp the issue." I am a housewife with a master's degree. I gave up a career as a teacher to care for my husband and five children. Do not sell us housewives short. Because a woman decides to keep house for her family does not mean that she is an idiot. My guess is that most of the mothers of those boys who died on Tarawa were housewives.

FLORENCE O'CONNOR SMITH
Bayside, N.Y.

• Thanks for another excellent article that tells it like it was. As one of the few veterans under 60 who understands the meaning of Tarawa, I appreciated this presentation. I was there in late November 1943, aboard the USS Le Hardy, DE 20, although only 17 at the time.

R. L. WOODRUFF
La Crosse, Wis.

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When I pulled the boat in at noon and paid off our Indian guide, I noticed that a small, unusual seed had apparently fallen from the guide's pocket into the bottom of our boat. The odor from the seed was quite strong and certainly different from anything I had ever smelled before. This was what he had rubbed on Mark's bait!

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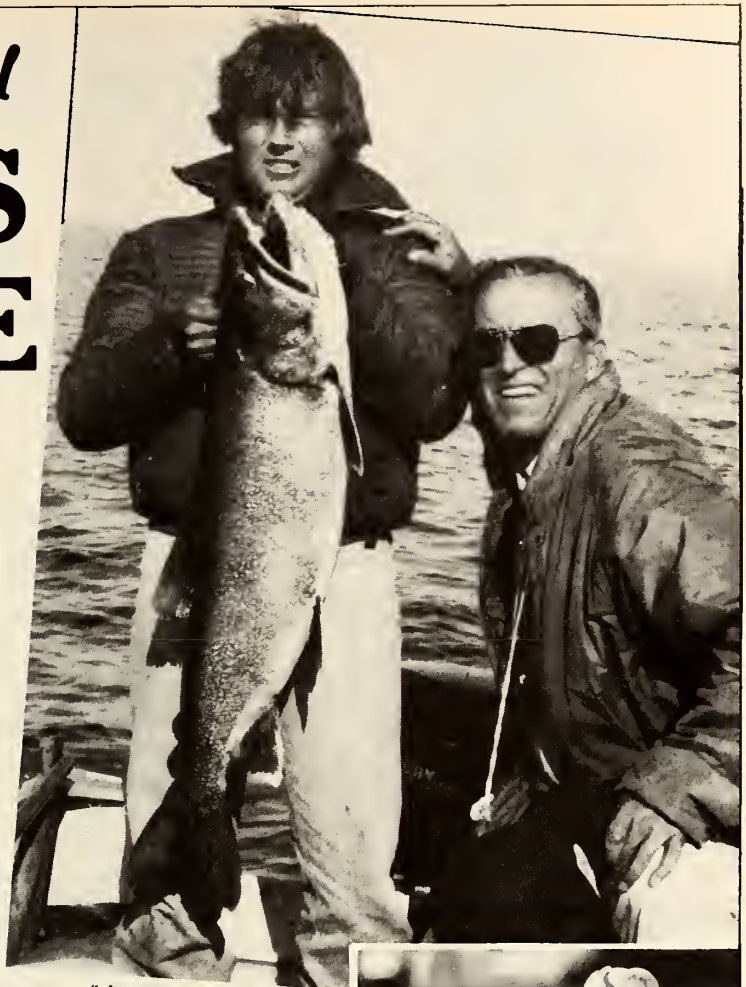
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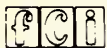
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Worldwide Events May Affect Travel

This is the year when an exceptionally large number of major events are scheduled for the US and Europe. Note them when planning your travels, because you may want to witness some of them or, conversely, avoid the crowds. Here's the list:

Oberammergau: This is the 350th anniversary of the famed Passion Play, staged five days a week in a tiny city 55 miles outside Munich, West Germany. It runs from May 21 to the end of September. Because so many tickets are held by tour operators who make Oberammergau part of a longer trip, you can expect sizable crowds in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Best way to go to Oberammergau is via a travel agent's arrangements or with a religious group.

Summer Olympics: July 28 through mid-August in Los Angeles. About 7 million tickets have been printed for various events, which should give you an idea of the huge attendance that's expected.

Louisiana World Exposition: This one will be staged on an 80-acre site in New Orleans May 12–Nov. 11. One-day admission costs \$15 for adults (\$28 for two consecutive days). However, reduced-rate admissions are available through groups such as AAA. Also, lower prices apply to children aged 4–11 and senior citizens aged 55 and up. Hoped-for attendance: around 11 million.

Democratic National Convention: The host city this time is San Francisco. The dates are July 16–20, though many attendees likely will get there early and stay late.

Republican National Convention: Aug. 20–23 in Dallas. Here, too, the crowds may gather early and remain late.

Meantime, be sure to mark The American Legion Convention on your calendar: Aug. 31–Sept. 5 in Salt Lake City.

Communications Cost Hike Is Imminent

It will cost you more to communicate in the months ahead. Telephone and possibly postal rates are on the way up.

Right now the telephone situation (following the split-up of AT&T) still is muddled. But almost \$7 billion in rate hikes already have been requested and more are on the way (mainly to jack up local and intrastate rates; long distance tolls may drop slightly). So think about applying these brakes:

- Buy your own phones to save rental fees. You'll be ahead of the game in a relatively short time.

- Investigate the so-called "discount" long-distance services that transmit messages via microwaves. Competition is heating up in this area.

- Above all, acquaint yourself and your family with the rate structure in your area (your phone book spells it out). Even a little discretion in making local calls which, like long distance, vary by time of day and day of week, can result in considerable savings.

As for postal rates: The Postal Service is asking for substantial increases, one of which would raise the price of a first class stamp from 20 to 23 cents. Ultimately, the service may get some extra money, but not before the start of 1985 (1984 is an election year).

Home Buyers: Points Remain

Prospective home buyers will find that the "point" system—originally devised to circumvent usury laws—is still alive in the mortgage market. ("Points" are a "service fee" subtracted from the principal of the loan, each being one percent of the principal. Example: If you borrow \$50,000 at four points, lenders actually will give you only \$48,000—50,000 minus 4 percent of \$50,000—though you will be charged interest on the full \$50,000. In effect, it's a boost in your interest rate.)

You can, however, get some compensation via the tax route: The Internal Revenue Service considers "points" as deductible interest payments. But suppose the seller pays the points for you? Then the seller accordingly can reduce his capital gains for tax purposes.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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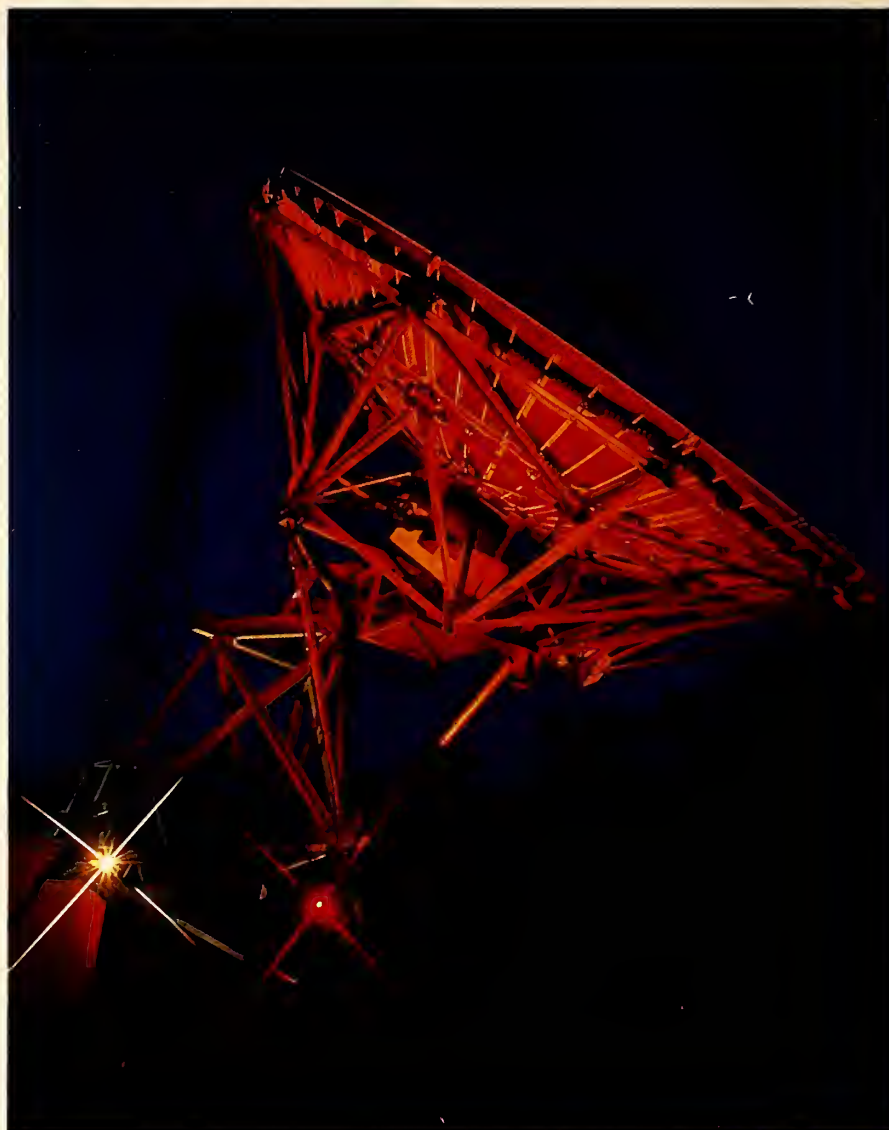


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The Propaganda War Heats Up

By Milan B. Skacel

There's a war going on right now, a hot war. It's a war of words, a war of ideas. It's a war for the hearts and minds of millions of people throughout the world, and it's a war in which the U.S., for all its advantages, is barely holding its own.

The US ought to be winning this war handily, for its principal adversary is the Soviet Union, a totalitarian state with a long record of aggression and interference in other countries' internal affairs, a state that is a systematic violator of human rights.

(The downing of KAL 007 has temporarily put the Soviet Union on the defensive in this war, exposing its worldwide "peace" campaign as sham and self-serving propaganda—but the US still seems hard pressed to stay even, all the same).

Gains and losses in a propaganda war are not necessarily determined by the merit of one's case; often they are the result of subjective judgment, of perception—and generally reflect the skill and capability of a propaganda machine in delivering the "message."

The Soviets, aware that propaganda is an important complement to military might, have spared no effort in trying to develop an edge. Expense seems to be no object, and the Soviet Union today spends an estimated \$3 billion a year on propaganda—far more than the United States.

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How USIA Combats Soviet 'Disinformation'

By Charles Z. Wick
Director, U.S. Information Agency

The "war of words" raging throughout the world today is aimed at US integrity and influence abroad.

It's a quiet, dirty game of forgeries, fabricated news stories, rumors of assassination attempts supposedly plotted by the US, and slander.

These Soviet "active measures" feed on fears and hatreds and sometimes are very effective. In India earlier this year, a Soviet newspaper carried the text of a telegram purportedly containing remarks made by one of our ambassadors calling for the "Balkanization of India," the seizure of Third World raw materials, and the use of American food for political and military blackmail. Timed to appear at a critical moment, the article drew condemnations from six members of the Indian Parliament before we were able to show that it was a fabrication.

We now have detailed information—thanks in part to defectors from the Soviet disinformation system—on how their operation works. As a result, we are much better prepared to defuse incidents that could severely injure or ruin our diplomatic efforts and perhaps harm innocent lives. We've also organized briefing teams that go overseas to inform governments, the foreign press and our own embassy personnel of Soviet tactics.

On a quarterly basis, the US State Department, in cooperation with USIA, publishes *Foreign Affairs Notes*, revealing the overt and covert strategy and front organizations of the Soviet disinformation network.

USIA also is effectively using electronic programming techniques—"TelePress" conferences, electronic dialogue, televised electronic dialogue and video dialogue to link officials, other leaders and scholars in this country with foreign media.

One of the most dramatic cases of dispelling Soviet disinformation occurred in May 1983 when former American astronaut Neil Armstrong was linked via a "TelePress"

conference with journalists in New Delhi. A story had been circulating that he was driven out of the American space program because when he landed on the moon he heard the Muslim call to prayer, was consumed by it, decided to join Islam and was subsequently persecuted for his beliefs and eventually fired.

While the story may seem incredible to us, this clever tactic fed on the emotional suspicion among some Muslims that Americans have a natural hatred of non-Christians.

Information about Soviet disinformation is being collected and

"It's a quiet, dirty game of forgeries, [false] news, rumors and slander."

placed in a central location so we can track recurring forgeries. Our embassy personnel receive weekly cables on Soviet propaganda and disinformation and are being trained to recognize Soviet active measures. Also, US officials now regularly receive *Soviet Propaganda Alert*, a quarterly USIA report analyzing current Soviet propaganda themes.

The combined effect of these countermeasures is being felt overseas and, as more lies and distortions are uncovered, a small, but vital contribution is made toward public diplomacy and the preservation of free and open societies.

The Soviets compare their active measures campaign to an oak tree that sheds acorns. Some of them will take root and grow while others will shrivel and die. Thus, the acorns keep falling.

We can never entirely remove this sinister tree, but we can—and will—succeed in placing these false and malicious misrepresentations under the scrutiny of a free press, representative responsible governments and, above all, the world's people. ☪




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VOA broadcasts, relayed by antennae like these, reach millions overseas.

guages. The main component is Radio Moscow, which broadcasts in 82 languages with a combined broadcast time of over 2,000 hours a week. Estimated total budget: in excess of \$700 million a year. The Soviets also finance semiofficial broadcast services such as Radio Peace and Progress, as well as clandestine stations such as the National Voice of Iran and Radio Ba Yi—the latter transmitting to China.

- Two news agencies, Tass and Novosti (APN), which supply services

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TOA: A New Strategy For The Free World



The free world, according to this strategy expert, needs a new coalition to counter Soviet expansionism, one that will link Western and Far Eastern powers with the Third World in joint defense of common resources. Such a "Three Ocean Alliance" (TOA) could marshal its members' individual strengths and skills in unified resistance to Russia's baldly stated, imperialist ambitions. Here's why such an alliance is needed, and how it could work.

By Frank R. Barnett

Look at a map of the world. Stretching nearly halfway around the northern hemisphere, the vast expanse of the Soviet Union overhangs the unprotected islands of Japan, the peninsula of western Europe and the sparsely populated oil states of the Persian Gulf. A dynamic, cohesive Soviet empire faces outward from those three "fronts"—but those fronts are not united in response.

NATO, the linchpin of Western defense for 30 years, is under no obligation to defend the Persian Gulf. Japan and West Germany, both US allies, bear no responsibility for each other's security, although both are threatened by Russia. Nor does either earmark military forces to defend Kuwait or Saudi Arabia (on Russia's "southern front"), even though both nations' economies would collapse within six weeks of an interruption of oil supplies from southwest Asia.

Similarly, although Moscow's strategy now is plainly intercontinental, noncommunist target nations still adhere to parochial defense concepts. In Asia, the Russian threat to Berlin is ignored; in Europe, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was downplayed. Even Washington largely overlooked the conquest of Angola by Soviet-backed Cuban troops.

What's more, the threat to Third World stability and to NATO's economic flank doesn't stem solely from Soviet warships and Cuban infantry. It also arises from massive, clandestine KGB operations: propaganda,

psychological warfare, subversion, active measures and support for guerrilla conflicts—all constituting a major Soviet offensive system. Such subversive "software" helps prepare the ideological climate for low-risk projection of Soviet mercenaries into a target nation's belly.

Finally, it's evident that Lenin's dictum, "sever the raw materials flow from the colonies (today, "Third World") and you cut the spinal cord of the Empire," is still alive. This is especially in view of clear references to

"A dynamic, cohesive Soviet empire faces . . . three 'fronts' that are not united in response."

an updated version of his thesis in Soviet professional journals and in speeches by Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Andropov. Russia doesn't need to risk thermonuclear war to achieve its aims, as long as its adversaries remain divided and as long as their source of essential supplies of oil and other minerals—in the Persian Gulf, Africa and elsewhere—remain lightly defended (if defended at all) and within tempting reach.

It's time, therefore—past time, in reality—for a new initiative of creative statesmanship, to fill the vacuum left by the demise of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization and the Cen-

tral Treaty Organization. We must summon to the southern oceans a new chain of naval alliances fitted for an era of energy crisis and mineral scarcity. Instead of succumbing to creeping defeatism in awe of Moscow's military might, we must build a consortium of nations armed with the high technology of the US, Europe and Japan, the oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, the mineral resources and strategic locations of Australia and southern African nations, the martial skills of Turkey, Pakistan and South Korea, and the naval traditions of the US, Britain, France and Japan.

This new alignment would be an updated mutual-security pact requiring new military alliances (or less formal arrangements) of key states on the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans—hence the name, Three-Ocean Alliance. Eventually, there might be a consortium of regional "building-block" pacts, a chain of naval agreements between sea-linked nations that are threatened directly by Soviet military power or by communist subversion and "wars of national liberation" backed by Soviet proxies.

Ideally, TOA should include such "core" states as the US, Canada and Brazil; Britain, France, Italy and West Germany; Saudi Arabia and Turkey; and Japan, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand. Other candidates might include Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico; Belgium, Spain and Portugal; Pakistan, Sudan and Morocco; Singapore and the Philippines. Thailand and other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations might eventually want to join; Nigeria, Zaire and other African nations would be welcome, although one criterion for membership would have to be a perception that Moscow, rather than Washington, is the seat of the new imperialism.

Just because some countries aren't named in this list doesn't mean that they wouldn't be welcome, only that their domestic politics might inhibit their governments from making military commitments, say, to defend the Persian Gulf; Greece, Norway

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and The Netherlands are current examples. If, in time, such nations' internal political climates make possible evolution of a wider geopolitical role, TOA should be ready to enlarge its membership. Also, in the longer term, India and mainland China also might consider joining TOA, possibly as associate members.

Uncertainty as to TOA's final shape or nature, though, needn't block an immediate effort to enlist an "executive group" of perhaps 10 states whose combined manpower, technology and geography would enable them to block Soviet gambits. But TOA must not simply be a new form of Western paternalism: its members must frankly acknowledge the Persian Gulf states as major world powers, accept Japan and other Asian states as equal partners, and welcome African and Latin American nations as fraternal peers.

TOA could be the maritime NATO of the southern oceans. It would enable non-communist countries to offset the undeclared, Soviet-inspired "resource war" in the southern hemisphere, and provide a naval shield that would justify vast capital investment in the Third World. Thus, TOA members would help others as they saved themselves. Just as NATO was the shield behind which Europe was rebuilt with the Marshall Plan, so the Three-Ocean Alliance could be the shelter for the next 50 years of development in the underdeveloped world.

TOA's primary mission, of course, would lie in its mutual-security aspect, presenting a united front of military and naval alliances stretching from the Arctic Ocean on NATO's left flank to the Arctic Ocean north of Alaska and spanning Russia's western, southern and eastern fronts. Part of its mission also would be to defend members against Soviet economic warfare. But its objectives also would include fostering international trade, the free-market economy and capital flow for development. TOA members would be free to trade anywhere; its purpose would be to check Soviet imperialism, not to organize its own politico-military monopolies.

What would TOA's effects be? For one thing, it would compound awesome advantages: at least a four-to-one advantage over the Soviet

bloc in total gross national product; up to 90 percent of the world's scientific, engineering and management knowhow; 60 percent of the globe's oil reserves; 85 percent of its food exports, and a three-to-one superiority in naval power. Moreover, such a massive alliance might:

- Keep the political earthquake in Iran from spreading to Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Persian Gulf governments now trying to form a mutual-defense alliance.

- Provide a framework upon which Israel and Egypt might work out a lasting peace and eventually reach compromise with other Arab moderates.

- Bind Japan as securely to Australia, the US and ASEAN, as NATO binds West Germany in Europe. (As Japan rearms, it must not be tempted

"TOA... would compound awesome advantages: a 4-1 advantage over the Soviet bloc in GNP... and a 3-1 superiority in naval power."

to conclude that its best course is to play Russia, China and the US against each other).

- Redress the unfavorable military balance between NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Instead, TOA would force Moscow to worry about three interlinked fronts.

- Introduce the possibility of using its own volunteer legions to meet Russian use of Cuban and other proxies in Third-World resource wars.

- Rally otherwise dispirited allies that now feel isolated and adrift, at the mercy of Soviet power and drive.

TOA would confront Soviet power with a global group of military allies, not random regional groups with no mutual-defense obligation. It could revive collective courage to attack short-term problems, safeguard American missile sites, perfect cruise missiles for NATO allies and deploy the enhanced-radiation weapon (the "neutron bomb")—all activities that might otherwise seem hopeless in the face of Russia's mighty war machine.

The idea of a Three-Ocean Alliance must still be viewed as a distant dream. Even so, there is growing support today for the idea that collective security must be extended beyond NATO's current boundaries. General de Gaulle argued the case in 1958; today, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher speaks of Europe's energy flanks and the importance of seapower to protect them. The chaos in Iran, the Soviet presence in Afghanistan and the Iraq-Iran war at least have stimulated talk of the need for a European intervention force in the Gulf. The ASEAN states are starting to discuss military matters, and other Asian powers are floating the idea of a Pacific basin defense arrangement. A French fleet already is in the Indian Ocean, and a French Rapid Deployment Force has contributed to stability in Chad, Zaire, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia.

Is TOA an impossible dream or the road to economic ruin? In 1949, it was equally quixotic to imagine that a Common Market of extraordinarily prosperous nations could arise from the ashes of World War II in Europe. While it's true that America at first bore the brunt of launching NATO and the Marshall Plan, a Three-Ocean Alliance today would have many potential partners of affluence and immense technical skills.

TOA may be only a dream, but if offers hope: even to talk about it offsets creeping defeatism. It is inherently absurd that the high technology societies of the West and Japan should yield military superiority to Russia. Worse, it would be a moral outrage if civilizations based on freedom and the rule of law should abdicate the future to the architects of the Gulag Archipelago.

Sir Winston Churchill observed that bringing forth a new alliance may weigh more in the balance of history than winning a battle by oneself. If a Three-Ocean Alliance can mobilize enough idealism and spirit to exercise the constructive options that lie between nuclear war and one-sided detente, the weaknesses in the Soviet system will compound themselves. Marxism inside the Soviet Union has long since lost its elan. Only our lack of imagination and high purpose will permit the Politburo to gain further success for its shabby tyranny. ☼

Needed Now: A 'National Strategy Council'

By Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, USA (Ret.)

This noted military officer and student of foreign policy proposes that the US create a national advisory body to analyze long-range US interests and determine the best way to protect and advance them. Such a council, he believes, could provide our nation with a measure of coherence and stability in national policy never before achieved.

Our world presents the US and the Free World with challenges that are unprecedented. Yet our traditional patterns of formulating national policy have become increasingly inadequate. America must recognize that the need of our nation today is strategic vision for tomorrow, and instruments through which sound national strategy can be developed and directed.

At present, we have no such mechanism. We continue to follow patterns of expediency. New policies unfold in response to external events and ever-shifting requirements of domestic opinion and partisan opportunism. In foreign affairs we have observed since 1945 alternating patterns of *realpolitik* and fuzzy idealism, containment and detente, irresolute engagement and confused withdrawal.

At home we have seen an endless patchwork of economic, fiscal, military and social policies. Too frequently, all seem to have been developed haphazardly, in response to particular pressures, and with little concern for the harmony of the whole world, the conservation of resources and the advancement of our national aims.

The effects are readily apparent. For example, in the years immediately following WWII, US leaders realized that the Soviet Union was embarked on a relentless course of territorial and

ideological aggrandizement. In response, the US embraced the much-touted policy of "containment."

Whereas this policy appeared at first to reflect a needed sharpening of Uncle Sam's eyesight and stiffening of his spine, it soon—in the absence of strategic vision—degenerated into an excuse for unilateral intervention everywhere. It meant almost automatic commitment of American resources wherever a "threat" appeared.

It meant the frequent shedding of American blood. It meant the abandonment of our faith in collective security, and in our insistence that other nations play a role in defending themselves. Thus, it meant the gradual shifting of many of the security burdens of the non-Communist world onto the US. It meant the constant dissipation of American resources.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin has quite consistently conserved its resources and retained its freedom of maneuver. Soviet strategists are playing a patient game in which "the objective balance of forces" is shifting gradually in their favor, while the US has no clearly defined national strategy.

What is sorely needed is an official agency of the federal government to serve as a steadying gyroscope in the Ship of State. We need what I would call a National Strategy Council.

I am not using the term "strategy" in its military sense. In fact, I would subordinate the military connotation in a much broader and comprehensive interpretation. Strategy, as I would define it, is the art and science of employing all the political, economic and psycho-social resources of a nation, together with its armed forces, to ensure the well being of the people.

Such an interpretation would give US policy a coherence and stability it has not had. It would encourage the integration of matters that too often

have been treated in isolation—hence, unwisely or unrealistically.

It is my conviction that if all the instruments of national policy are employed imaginatively and in a timely and coordinated manner, the frequency of occasions requiring the use of military force would decline dramatically. We would not find ourselves backing into wars because opportunities to pursue peaceful options were either unperceived or neglected.

I visualize the formation of a relatively small, continuing council of perhaps 11 distinguished citizens who would devote full time to studying and formulating recommendations concerning national strategy in its broadest aspects. This body would possess advisory functions only. It would regularly provide advice for the enlightenment and guidance of the legislative and executive branches of government and, when appropriate, the American people.

The council would have semi-autonomous status comparable to that of the Federal Reserve Board. Members would have access to all sources of official and unofficial information and strategic intelligence. They would possess the experience, expertise and time required to evaluate basic policy in the foreign and domestic fields. The council would be in a position to judge the significance of international developments, especially as they relate to US interests, as well as weigh the effect of domestic policy proposals on each other and on foreign policy.

Council members would be appointed for long terms by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and would be drawn from all disciplines. In time, the council would so establish itself in the public mind as an objective, non-partisan agency of such competence that it would be accorded the prestige and authority (albeit not formal power) now enjoyed by the Supreme Court.

In summary, a National Strategy Council should be formed to harness the tremendous expertise that our nation possesses in every area related to proper formation of national policy. Only in making our *modus operandi* one of action, rather than reaction, can we ever hope to guide the Ship of State through the perilous waters of the 20th century . . . and beyond.

"Clearly, the time has come to introduce foresight and strategy into the management of our affairs."

General Wedemeyer shown at a press conference at the end of WWII.



Is Your 'Shot Card' Up To Date?

Tens of thousands of adult Americans die every year solely because they did not receive simple, safe vaccinations. Here's a look at the problem, and what's being done to correct it

By Dr. Arthur S. Freese

Remember your "shot card"? It was that fine-print record of all the immunizations you received in military or naval service. You carried it with you all the time, to prove you'd received your tetanus, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, diphtheria and, for some, many more injections and vaccinations. If you lost it, tough: you went straight back to the dispensary to rejoin the "pincushion line."

When most veterans leave the service, their "shot cards" usually wind up in a drawer somewhere, along with their dogtags, their service ribbons and insignia. That's too bad, because keeping your "shot card" up to date is every bit as important for those in later life as it is for servicemen and even for children. In fact, tens of thousands of adult Americans die every year because they did not receive simple, safe vaccinations.

During the 1970s, the "flu" caused an average of 16,000 deaths annually, according to the U.S. Office of Technology Assessment. More than 53,000 Americans annually died of pneumonia during the same decade, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Yet, for both "flu" (influenza) and pneumonia (as well as other infectious diseases like tetanus, diphtheria, polio and measles) effective, safe vaccinations exist which could have prevented those deaths. Why weren't they used?

In a way, vaccination (a procedure



"Immunization is medicine's most powerful tool to prevent disease."

in which a substance is introduced into the body to stimulate the body's production of its own chemical defenses) is a victim of its own success. We have developed a false sense of security. Memories of ancient scourges, which killed millions worldwide, have faded. These killers, however, still lurk on earth, waiting only for our collective guard to be lowered in order to ravage humanity with their ancient ferocity.

A few years ago, a Dutch religious sect refused polio vaccinations for religious reasons. Nearly 100 sect members subsequently contracted the dreaded disease. CDC recently reported that a serviceman acquired measles from a child at an airport and eventually transmitted it to nearly a dozen persons. The largest outbreaks of measles in recent times occurred in spring 1983 on the campuses of Indiana University and the University of Houston. More than 200 students and community residents were infected.

According to CDC, one cause of such outbreaks is a lack of adult concern. Pediatricians are generally alert to assure that children get their measles shots. Adults generally regard the disease as one which afflicts children, an attitude that has played a part in the spread of such diseases among adults.

According to Dr. Richard A. Goodman, a CDC expert on epidemics, "Many 'childhood diseases' are no longer diseases of childhood. An in-

creased proportion of vaccine-preventable diseases now occur among adults." Nearly all "lockjaw" (tetanus) victims are past the age of 15 and some two-thirds of them are over 50. Most diphtheria victims are adults.

Dr. Goodman feels the cause for such outbreaks among adults is a "less than optimal immunization practice" by physicians who treat adults. The failure of physicians to warn these patients about immunization has, in part, brought the American College of Physicians to set up a special committee to alert doctors to the need of vaccinations for adults.

Also, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases has sponsored extensive informational campaigns aimed at physicians and the public to alert them to the importance of flu and pneumonia immunization. In cooperation with other public health organizations, NFID mounted a "National Flu/Pneumonia Alert" using press conferences, televised interviews and booklets for physicians.

These programs apparently worked. In 1981, 1,050 victims died of flu or pneumonia in the week ending Jan. 16. In the week ending Jan. 23, 1,080 victims died. In the same weeks in 1982, following the NFID Alert program, only 506 and 608 persons died.

Besides urging doctors who treat adults to be more careful to warn their patients to get immunizations, Dr. Michael S. Simberkoff, assistant chief of infectious diseases at the New York VA Medical Center, urges adults to keep better immunization records. As patients change doctors, the need for these records becomes increasingly acute.

Veterans are apparently in an especially favorable position to keep themselves immunized. Most had immunizations as a routine part of inductions. Also, most VA facilities today offer the necessary shots and boosters for those cared for in their clinics.

Here is a list of seven routine vaccinations and the length of protection they provide. Also listed are three vaccinations for special persons.

Tetanus: This disease still kills 35 to 70 percent of its victims. There were over 80 tetanus cases in the United States in 1982. The germ is everywhere and may enter the body through a small scratch or sore. Initial immunization consists of three shots. A booster shot is needed every 10 years. Women in their reproductive years are frequently inadequately immunized,

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as are persons over 50.

Diphtheria: A potentially fatal disease, its toxin does the damage and the vaccine is a toxoid. (A toxin is any poisonous substance of plant or animal origin. A toxoid is a toxin that has been treated to destroy its toxicity, but is still capable of inducing the formation of antibodies on injection.) The toxoid is usually combined and given with the tetanus injection. Boosters are needed every 10 years.

Measles and mumps: CDC experts advise that persons born before 1957 have probably had these diseases and generally may be considered immune. Adults born since 1956, who have not had measles or mumps or their vaccines, should be vaccinated. Men in this age group, particularly those who did not have mumps or its vaccine after age one, are especially urged to get the vaccination. Why? Persons born since 1956 should check with their doctors or public health experts for measles vaccination information, particularly if they are planning trips abroad.

Rubella: CDC experts advise the use of this vaccine for adult women of childbearing age only when not pregnant. Men and women working in institutions (hospitals, the military, college, etc.) also work in areas where outbreaks might occur.

Polio: Since the vaccine's introduction in 1955, there has been a 99 percent reduction in cases of polio. CDC advises that persons over 18 who live in the United States need not be vaccinated. A vaccination is advised for those traveling in areas where the vaccine's use is still limited.

Flu: 60 to 90 percent of all those vaccinated are safe from flu viruses. Persons over age 65 and those with chronic diseases (heart, lung and kidney disorders) are encouraged to take the vaccine. Shots are given annually.

Pneumonia: The vaccine for pneumonia is considered 90 percent effective and protects against bacteria (pneumococci) that cause some 80 percent of the bacterial pneumonia. Experts generally recommend those who take the influenza vaccine to also take the vaccine for pneumonia. The duration of the effectiveness of the shot is still unknown but is thought to be from three to five years. Boosters should not be used.

For Special People

Hepatitis: A hepatitis B vaccine is now generally available. It is given in a series of three shots. CDC experts recommend the hepatitis vaccine for those at high risk of contracting the disease. This includes health-care workers in frequent contact with blood and its byproducts, hemodialysis (ar-

tificial kidney) patients and illicit drug users. The duration of protection and need for boosters are still unknown.

Rabies: A new rabies vaccine is available. It requires only five shots as compared to the 21 shots needed in the past. This shot is generally used only after exposure, although it might be advisable to pre-administer it to those who regularly work with animals.

Meningitis: This disease may be prevented by a vaccine, but would likely be of real benefit only to travelers in countries where there are epidemics of the disease and prolonged contact with those persons is expected.

For travelers: Different shots are needed at different times and in different countries. Persons should contact

"Ancient scourges that killed millions still lurk on earth . . ."

their local public health office or the CDC (in Atlanta). There are vaccines for yellow fever, typhoid, cholera, plague and meningitis. Pneumonia and polio vaccines should be considered after medical advice. Tetanus and diphtheria immunization should be kept current at home and abroad.

Some persons are concerned that the vaccinations themselves may lead to the disease or other problems. While this is possible, experts point out that no method is completely safe nor foolproof. Dr. Harry Openshaw, department of neurology, University of California at Davis, points out there is about one case of paralytic polio re-

sulting from three to four million units of the live vaccine distributed. No one really knows whether these individuals were actually exposed to the disease and contracted it before the vaccine was effective. Since there are reactions, those with special health problems including allergies and other chronic diseases, are encouraged to consult their physicians before being vaccinated. Carefully kept records of vaccinations and boosters should be maintained in order to reduce the likelihood of a reaction.

Dr. Simberkoff of the New York Medical Center sees no limit to the development of new vaccines for other diseases, once causative microbes are identified and once scientists know how the body defends itself against them. Vaccines are already being worked on to prevent a host of common diseases including gonorrhea and traveler's diarrhea. Research is also under way to develop a vaccine for herpes. A vaccine to prevent the recurrence of certain cancers after surgery also is being researched.

New ways of administering vaccines are being investigated. Vaccines of the future may be inhaled instead of being injected or swallowed, and others may immunize against as many as 10 diseases with a single injection. Both of these projects further underscore the continued need for disease prevention through immunization.

Dr. William R. Barclay, for many years the editor of The Journal Of The American Medical Association, perhaps best sums up the value of immunization thus: "Immunization is medicine's most powerful tool for preventing disease. It is simple, safe and cost-effective." ☼



Booster injections or vaccinations against both tetanus and diphtheria are needed every 10 years.

The American Robinson Crusoe

Marooned on the uninhabited Falkland Islands for 18 months, this intrepid, resourceful American seaman survived incredible hardship and desolation

By James C. Simmons

It is Nov. 25, 1814. Two British whalers, the *Asp* and the *Indispensable*, roll gently at anchor off the remote, uninhabited Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. They have come to secure fresh water and meat and to hunt the fur seals that abound on the rocky beaches. The ships' two captains are below on the *Indispensable* in conference.

Suddenly, there is a knock at the cabin door. A dumfounded mate tells the two captains they had best come on deck immediately. A most unusual thing has happened. Five men have just boarded the ship—castaways.

The two captains hurry on deck. There they confront an astonishing sight, "a being who had more the appearance of a savage of the forest than a native of an enlightened and Christian country." A thick beard eight inches long covered most of his face. His clothes and shoes had been stitched together from the skins of fur seals. The four men with him also looked as if they had just stepped from the pages of Daniel Defoe's novel, *Robinson Crusoe*.

The apparition was Capt. Charles H. Barnard, a sealer from New York City, who had been treacherously marooned with four other sailors 18 months previously on a desolate island with none of the necessities of life. They had endured unspeakable hardship through two sub-Antarctic winters. Their story of survival as "Robinson Crusoe" castaways is one of the most remarkable in the annals of American maritime history.

Barnard's earlier and later years, including dates of his birth and death, are totally unknown. In a book he wrote 15 years later about his experiences as a castaway, Barnard said of

his beginnings only, "From my boyhood I have loved and pursued a seafaring life, and have performed many voyages to various parts of the world."

In 1812, Barnard and several investors met to finance an expedition to the Falkland Islands to collect casks of elephant-seal oil for the American markets and fur-seal skins to be traded for silk and spices at Canton, China. The voyage was to take three years. They bought a sturdy brig of 132 tons, the *Nanina*, and hired a crew of 11. Barnard sailed from New York on April 6, 1812, confident of the eventual success of his mission.

On Sept. 7, Barnard arrived in the Falklands. First sighted in 1593 by the British explorer Sir Richard Hawkins, the Falklands in the early 19th Century were both uninhabited and uncharted. When the French explorer Bougainville called there in 1777, he noted in his journal: "No inviting objects came in sight and we knew not what could prevail upon us to stay on this apparently barren ground." Nonetheless, the Falklands were a popular port of call with a small number of American and British sealing and whaling ships that stopped there.

For four months, Barnard and his men worked the western edge of the archipelago, securing hundreds of valuable fur-seal skins and many casks of elephant-seal oil. On Jan. 3, 1813, he saw, much to his surprise, another ship anchored off tiny New Island, the *Hope*, also out from New York. The captain told Barnard that war had been declared between Great Britain and the United States. He also handed Barnard a letter from his partners, advising him to abort the voyage and return home immediately, as British whalers frequented the Falklands and might seize the *Nanina* as a prize.

But the prospect of securing a valuable cargo proved too tempting to Barnard. Instead of returning home, he ordered his brig into a secluded cove on another island and continued hunting seals. Everything went well. Barnard and his crew looked forward to handsome profits once they returned to New York.

Suddenly, one day in April 1813, as Barnard cruised off the east coast of

West Falkland Island, he spotted heavy smoke columns rising from a small island group in the distance. He hurried to investigate, thinking they might be signal fires set by shipwrecked sailors. As *Nanina* cruised along the coast, a dozen persons, including a woman, suddenly appeared on shore, two in the uniform of British marines. Barnard immediately sent a boat ashore to bring them on board.

"Although they were enemies to my country, I apprehended no danger or loss from relieving them from their perilous situation," Barnard later wrote in his account. "I felt assured that by rendering them this assistance I would bind them to me by the strongest ties of gratitude." Good-hearted Barnard had seriously misjudged human nature.

Barnard soon had the group on board. They informed him that their ship, the *Isabella*, had gone aground two months previously and described vividly the terrors of their life on the barren island. They all had resigned themselves to death with the approach of winter.

The first group of survivors soon guided Barnard to the rest of their party, about 30 men, women, and children, all of whom had been bound from Australia to England when disaster overtook them. Barnard met with the British officers in charge and generously agreed to immediately take the entire group to the nearest South



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American port. He then advised the officers that war had broken out between their two countries, "lest they suspect us of having concealed the fact from base motives." He asked the British survivors to sign an agreement that they would act as if their two nations were at peace and would make no attempt to take over his ship. The group eagerly agreed.

A winter gale kept them all on shore for two weeks. When skies cleared and seas calmed, Barnard took four men, one American and three British sailors, to a small nearby island to shoot some wild hogs and geese for the long trip back to the South American mainland. Late that night, they returned to their anchorage and discovered to their horror that they had been betrayed. The *Nanina* was nowhere to be seen.

It was then that Barnard realized the truth. The British officers had seized his ship and marooned him and his companions on the island with none of the necessities needed to sustain life. "That they who had so recently felt so acutely the horrors of their own situation should betray and abandon me during the very time I

was actually engaged in providing subsistence for them proves how corrupt human nature can become when it is the slave of its own passion," Barnard later wrote.

Barnard immediately surveyed their situation. Nothing more precarious could be imagined. They had their boat, the clothing on their backs, the ship's dog, Cent, several rifles, powder and bullets, some knives, a single blanket, and little else. Winter was quickly approaching. The surrounding terrain was desolate. They were far from the normal shipping routes. Survival appeared hopeless.

The next day, Barnard ordered his men to row through heavy seas to a larger island. They hauled their boat out of the water and turned it over to make a shelter, as a winter gale settled over the Falklands. They used some of their precious firewood to cook a wild pig they had shot. The next morning they awoke to find that eight inches of snow had fallen, and it was still snowing. Their supplies of fresh water and firewood were soon exhausted. The crew was in despair.

Barnard refused to concede defeat. Exploring the beach he discovered a frozen pond of fresh water and killed

several small elephant seals whose blubber provided them with much needed fuel. "The tender providence of Heaven is never known to leave us so desolate, without sending counterbalancing blessings to keep us from sinking," he wrote later.

Barnard's own cheerful optimism lifted the crew's spirits. ("What a blessed thing it is that captains and commanders are often supported, sometimes with almost superhuman fortitude, to sooth down the complaints and unite the jarring tempers and interests of the men who are placed under them.") Against all odds, the small party survived the first days. Barnard proved to be a consummate leader, one able to weld four disparate personalities into an effectively functioning unit, capable of withstanding the severe stresses of their abandonment.

Barnard soon began to take note of the strengths and weaknesses of the men with him; a black American whaler, Jacob Green, and three British sailors, James Lauder, Joseph Albrook and Samuel Ansel.

The first three were reliable. But Barnard quickly saw that Ansel could be trouble. A 26-year-old illiterate bully and coward, Ansel showed his true colors one day when he admitted that he was a fool to have volunteered

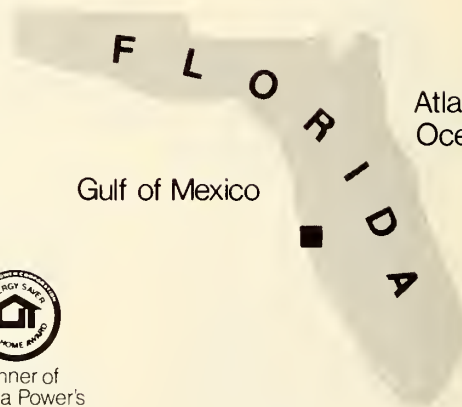
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Veterans' Update

Cost-of-living adjustments in veterans' disability compensation, and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) rates likely will range between 3.5 and 4.1 percent when they become effective, on or after April 1, 1984. The necessary legislation was to have been prepared by the respective Veterans' Affairs Committees and sent to the floors of both Houses when Congress reconvened on Jan. 23.

These adjustments were deferred for six months (until the April 1 date) under an agreement reached by all negotiating parties during budget negotiations last fall for the current fiscal year (FY 1984, which began last Oct. 1). The American Legion agreed to the deferral providing *all* entitlement programs were included. In other words, the Legion's position was that it would not agree to a deferral affecting only veterans' entitlements.

With the agreement in place, Congress did not proceed to adopt legislation to adjust the benefits prior to adjournment of the first session of the 98th Congress.

House debate on immigration reform legislation (H.R. 1510) may take place this month. Last Dec. 1, House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill reversed an earlier decision he had announced to block full House floor action on the long-overdue reform measure during the 98th Congress. With this in mind, Legionnaires should act now to urge their representatives to delete amnesty from the measure. Instead, the Legion recommends that strong sanctions be imposed against businesses that employ "illegals," and that a tamper-proof national worker identification system be created. Thus, the interests of sound public policy can be promoted without risking discrimination against foreign-appearing individuals in the workplace.

The new emergency job-retraining program for veterans, enacted last August, finally has been funded and is now under way. The long-awaited funding was made available through two separate appropriations measures passed and enacted in the closing days of the 98th Congress' first session.

However, even though the program got a late start, the time by which its inauguration was delayed will be added to the end of its scheduled two-year lifespan. Veterans interested in or eligible for this program can obtain additional information from local employment offices and VA regional offices.

Is the VA home-loan program in trouble? Congressional floor action just prior to adjournment last November may bode poorly for the VA program. Specifically, home-buyers using Federal Housing Administration home-loan guarantees will be required to negotiate with lenders on interest rates applied to such loans. Since VA home-loan interest rates for years have been set in conjunction with FHA rates, it's unclear whether VA buyers also will have to negotiate interest rates with lenders. If so, VA buyers probably will find themselves paying whatever rates lenders insist upon. This would mark a

clear departure from the current VA program, in which veterans buying homes enjoy lower than market rates.

Movement is under way to provide tax relief to families of servicemen killed in Lebanon and Grenada. H.R. 4206 would exempt from income tax the salaries of servicemen killed as a result of hostile actions overseas. Normally, such legislation is unnecessary, since the exemption applies to those serving in a declared combat zone. However, no such declaration has been made since the end of the Vietnam War.

Specific provisions of the bill include an effective date of Dec. 31, 1979. The date was selected to include those who died in the rescue attempt in Iran and the military adviser killed in El Salvador, as well as those involved in Lebanon and Grenada. Also, this exemption would span the entire period of overseas duty.

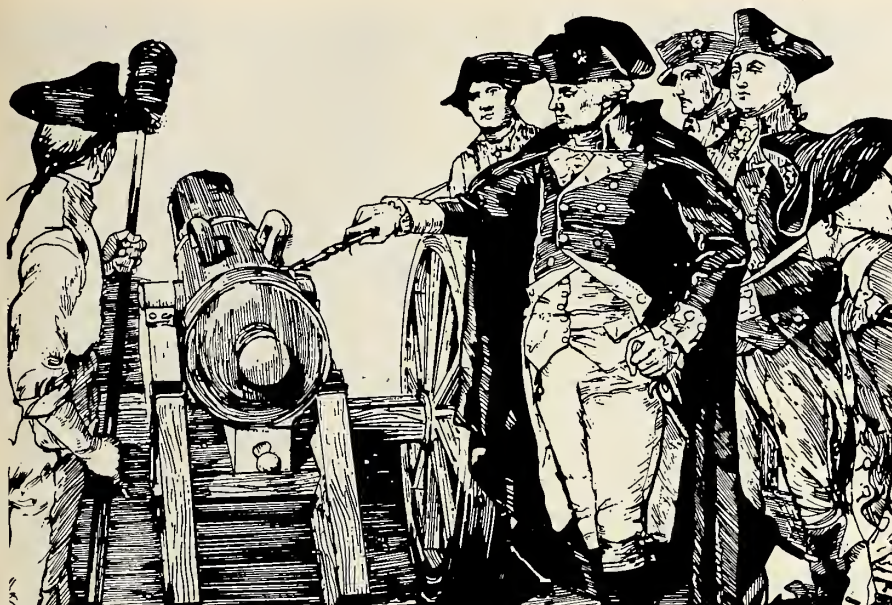
Medical effects of exposure to Agent Orange will be studied by the US Public Health Service's Centers for Disease Control, under a special appropriation voted by the House in mid-November. Three things will be studied: the effect of exposure to Agent Orange; long-term health effects of service in Vietnam; and, the risk of developing soft-tissue cancers among veterans exposed to the herbicide. Results are not expected for several years.

The VA was authorized in 1979 to conduct the study, but later turned the work over to the CDC. The VA has contended for some time that there is no solid evidence to show that exposure to Agent Orange has had any serious health effects in Vietnam veterans. For that reason, it has rejected all claims for compensation for such exposure. The VA does, however, provide medical examinations upon request.

Another CDC report, on the incidence of birth defects among children of Vietnam veterans, was expected last month. The US Air Force's "Ranch Hand" study of the long-term effects of Agent Orange exposure is expected to be released Feb. 24.

A special toll-free telephone hotline for former prisoners of war who feel they are getting a raw deal at VA medical centers or regional offices has been inaugurated. The hotline, 800-821-8139, went into operation Dec. 12.

Established by the VA so that former POWs can inform VA headquarters if they feel they are not being recognized properly at VA medical centers or regional offices, or if they feel they are not receiving treatment consistent with the intent of the Prisoners of War Health Care Benefits Act of 1981, the 24-hour toll-free number is available to more than 93,000 ex-POWs nationwide. It will be staffed by POW specialists from the VA's Washington, DC, regional office during regular business hours (8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. EST). After-hour and weekend callers may leave a recorded message. (Former POWs living within the District of Columbia should call 389-2356.)



"The Old Fox": Reluctant, Doughty, Indomitable

After six months of repeated defeat by the most powerful military force on earth, the reluctant general was surrounded by signs of doom.

Over half of his 10,000-man army was gone: some dead, others wounded and still more deserting every day. The 3,000 or so soldiers who remained loyal faced starvation. Many were without shoes, clothes or blankets to cover them, as winter winds lashed their flesh. Worse, munitions were dwindling, and there was no prospect of obtaining more.

Word had just been received that 40,000 enemy soldiers and sailors were aboard ships off his country's coast, awaiting orders to crush the general's atrophied army. Many of his countrymen, six months into a revolution organized by a handful of fractious leaders, already were sidling up to the enemy, reporting his army's movements and opening their storehouses of food to the enemy. "I think the game is pretty near up," the general wrote. It was the winter of 1776 and the "game" was the American Revolution.

But the game *wasn't* up.

Not so much because of the army the general commanded nor his overly confident enemy. No, it was because of the brilliance, the single-minded determination of the general himself: "The Old Fox," George Washington.

No man was better suited to lead such a tatterdemalion throng. Respected by his peers for his knowledge of battles (he had been an officer in the colonial British army in the French and Indian War in 1763) Washington was the cornerstone of the Revolutionary effort. The Marquis de Lafayette, a major general in Washington's army, once said to him, "I feel if you were

"He was indeed, in every sense of the words, a wise, good and great man."

lost for America, there is nobody who could keep the Army and the Revolution for six months."

Clearly, that is a fact about Washington upon which historians generally agree. The tight-lipped, 6'2", farmer-surveyor named Washington was an inspirational figure around whom his troops repeatedly rallied. In meetings with his officers (many of whom were appointed by the Continental Congress without his knowledge), Washington carefully synthesized opinions. When he made a decision, his course was carefully plotted.

Little is known of Washington's early life. He was born in 1732 and had only seven or eight years of schooling when his father died. At 17 he took up his father's surveying tools and became the official surveyor of Culpeper County, Va.

In 1754 he may have first realized that he was an American, rather than a British citizen born in America. That was when he discovered that his pay, as a lieutenant colonel in the British colonial army, was lower than that of his British counterparts. He threatened to resign; instead, the British lowered his rank. He later resigned in protest.

By 1764 he was one of the first colonists to think force would be necessary to maintain liberty, when the governor of Virginia (appointed by the King) highhandedly disbanded the legislature.

The battles at Lexington and Concord had already been fought when he went as a delegate to the second Continental Congress in 1775. On June 15, the other delegates named him Commander in Chief of the Continental Army.

From that time and throughout the war, he was frequently aware of the potential for doom, though his troops probably never knew it.

In 1781, Washington admitted that it was "vain to think an army can be kept together much longer, under such a variety of sufferings as ours has experienced." The 10,000 men he originally commanded, supplemented by militias in several states, he said were a "raw military, badly officered and with no government." Ironically, Washington and his men were less than six months away from Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781.

Washington's courage in leading his troops was inspirational. He was on his horse, deep in silent thought, with his troops in formation around him, when the announcement of the Declaration of Independence was read in 1776. His men burst into cheers, perhaps reacting to Washington's own silent sense that victory, though it might be a long way off, was assured.

Not long after Washington died in 1799, Thomas Jefferson wrote of him, "He was indeed, in every sense of the words, a wise, a good and great man. Never did nature and fortune combine more perfectly to make a great man." ❧



Legion Volunteer Jack L. Simon (left) works with patient Charles Posey in the occupational therapy unit at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis.

The Legion-VA Volunteer: The Personal Touch In Patient Recovery

It's early Monday morning at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis. In the volunteer office, three carts of neatly arranged paperback books and magazines stand in a corner near the door. Wooden shelves on two walls burgeon with stacks of board games. A small office desk fills the rear of the room; one corner of it is covered with papers requesting escorts, aids in occupational therapy and persons to visit and read and write letters.

The quiet in the room contrasts sharply with the bustling activity that the still objects represent: they are tools that American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary volunteers use in their daily rounds at the 553-bed hospital.

The scene here is much the same as

it is in each of the 172 VA medical centers and other institutions before Legion volunteers, their wives and even their children arrive to help veterans recuperate.

According to the VA's latest report (April-September 1983), there were 3,984 regularly scheduled Legion volunteers in VA hospitals and other institutions where veterans receive medical help. Regular Legion volunteers contributed 357,117 hours at these institutions. Occasional volunteers made 15,063 visits to VA hospitals and volunteered 45,611 hours, for a total of 402,728 hours of Legion volunteer service during the six-month period. (For figures on the Auxiliary volunteer contribution to the VA, see p. 27.)

Although earlier generations of veterans also volunteered to help veter-

ans recuperate, there was no formal VA volunteer program until April 1946. Then, Legionnaires and representatives of other veterans' and volunteer organizations met with VA officials to form the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service. Now, VAVS is the largest hospital volunteer program in America.

Since the VAVS's founding, thousands of volunteers have contributed nearly 300 million hours in over 150 different activities to help patients and to support VA staff members, VA statistics show. Also, VA hospital volunteers and others have contributed more than \$135 million in goods and funds to benefit patients. By assigning the minimum wage to their hours of service, added to the dollar

value of donated equipment, the VA has received nearly \$46 million a year from volunteers and benefactors.

Also, there are 169 American Legion Medical Center VAVS representatives who represent the Legion on local advisory committees.

Many volunteers are former patients or relatives of former patients. Their reasons for volunteering vary, but all of those interviewed for this story referred to "remembering."

"When I see some of the patients, particularly the forgotten ones who don't have visitors," said one volunteer, "I think to myself, 'One of these could have been my son.' I'd hate to think that they're not going to get the attention or the things they need. These patients need so little . . . many times just someone to talk to. You don't have to have a special talent or a skill to bring happiness here."

Another volunteer, busy helping a

"The current number of volunteers is impressive, but even more are needed."

veteran complete a Christmas gift for a relative, said, "You carry it home with you; that special feeling of doing something. If I don't feel good when I get up on a day I'm supposed to volunteer, I get here and I feel great, and I feel even greater when I leave."

More and more Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are discovering that special feeling. William F. Lenker, Chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, said more than 500 new,

regularly scheduled volunteers were added to the Legion's volunteer list in 1983. These new volunteers are now discovering what it is to be part of a total treatment program that bridges the gap between hospital and community, aids in rehabilitation and speeds the return of the veteran to his or her home.

The current number of volunteers is impressive, but even more are needed.

In commenting on the Legion volunteer, Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul said, "These figures should challenge us to even greater service. They should represent only a starting place for the future, not a stopping place for today. Our efforts on behalf of America's hospitalized veterans should be a monument to the service we have pledged our country and fellow man. They should become every Legionnaire's personal challenge to get involved." ❊

Legion Auxiliary Also Volunteers Its Service, Money

Thousands of members of The American Legion Auxiliary perform valuable volunteer services in VA hospitals each year. From front-door greeters to wheelchair-pushing escorts and women in occupational therapy units, Auxiliary members take part in nearly all patient-help activities.

Last year, 34,913 Auxiliary members volunteered 1,448,892 hours to serve 528,370 veterans nationwide.

Sharing their time isn't the only thing they do, either. The Auxiliary laid out \$2,434,908 in cash for supplies used in volunteer programs, reported Helen Adams, chairman of the Auxiliary's 1983 VA&R program. Auxiliary members also operated 541 gift shops, allowing recuperating veterans to pick Christmas gifts for their families.

Also, members of the Auxiliary presented 2,595 Christmas programs to 68,414 veterans. There were 10,032 other special programs in 1983 for 365,936 VA-hospitalized veterans that cost a total of \$1,098,632. Another 6,408 veterans received \$246,700 in direct aid from the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary's gift of time and money goes beyond VA hospitals, too. Over 18,000 home-service volunteers

served 888,840 hours with non-hospitalized veterans, while another 14,506 members donated 828,981 hours helping 226,290 veterans in nursing homes and other institutions.

Nor is the number of Auxiliary volunteers dwindling. Over 1,250 more members volunteered to work in VA hospitals last year than in 1982.

Whatever their task, the message is the same: someone cares. "Old soldiers," in General of the Army Douglas MacArthur's memorable

phrase, "never die; they just fade away." Thanks to the Auxiliaries' selfless efforts, they *won't*—and neither will The American Legion Auxiliary's volunteers. ❊

Jack Simon's wife, Lela, an Auxiliary volunteer, helps Everett Lee Powell finish painting a clay project.



Restore, Boost Veterans' Burial Benefits, Legion Urges Congress

Congress should not only restore all veterans' eligibility for burial benefits but also increase the burial and plot allowances, Natl. VA&R Division Director Robert E. Lyngh told a joint House-Senate subcommittee Nov. 16.

Lyngh testified on the Legion's behalf before the joint subcommittee on oversight and investigations of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. He appeared in support of H.R. 1479, introduced earlier this year by Rep. G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Until 1981, all honorably discharged war veterans were eligible for payment of a \$300 burial benefit, plus an additional \$150 plot allowance. Public Law 97-35, approved Aug. 13, 1981, restricted eligibility for the benefits to veterans who died in VA hospitals or other VA institutions or those receiving veterans' disability compensation or pension prior to death.

"It is the opinion of The American Legion," Lyngh testified, "that the most significant benefit taken away from all veterans by [P.L. 97-35] was the burial benefit . . ." The reduction, he said, "placed an economic value on a benefit that was freely given by Congress to insure that all veterans would be buried with dignity and respect, regardless of their income or social standing at time of death . . . The present restrictions violate the Legion's long-held principle of equal benefits for equal service."

Lyngh noted the Legion's policy on improving the National Cemetery System and death and burial benefits for veterans, as set forth in Resolution No. 384 (New York), and Resolution No. 394 (Wisconsin), approved by delegates to the 1982 National Convention. These resolutions, he said, "mandated the Legion to sponsor and support legislation to restore the burial allowance as a benefit to be provided for the burial of all honorably discharged war veterans, and to increase the burial allowance to \$400, excluding the plot allowance."

"It is a fact," he continued, "that more than half the veteran population of the US [currently about 28 million]



does not request or receive any benefit or recognition for service to the nation . . . Most veterans never use veterans' hospitals. Only about half have utilized the GI Bill program. The burial benefit, therefore, was the only monetary recognition received by all veterans from their government for their honorable service in time of war. In 1981, when this benefit was eliminated, a severe injustice to our veteran population resulted."

Moreover, Lyngh added, "The American Legion rejects the proposition that the burial allowance . . . duplicates the Social Security burial allow-

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ance . . . [the latter] is an earned benefit to which the beneficiary has contributed through Social Security taxes, whereas the veteran's burial allowance is a benefit provided in recognition of honorable service . . ."

The Legion also feels that the allowance currently authorized for purchasing burial plots—set at \$150 since June 1973—is inadequate, Lyngh told

the joint subcommittee. Since then, he said, the cost of plots has increased considerably, and the Legion has perceived that many veterans' families have limited means to provide for purchase of an appropriate burial site.

That's why the Legion seeks an increase to \$250 in the burial plot allowance, Lyngh said. "It has been over 10 years since the last increase, and with double-digit inflation during most of that period, it is time to adjust the monetary level of this benefit to an amount more consistent with reality."

Lyngh noted the recent case in which former Seaman First Class Albert W. Reynolds died in a VA hospital and was buried at the Quantico (Va.) National Cemetery wrapped in a single sheet and placed in a cardboard casket.

"The American Legion is appalled," Lyngh testified, "and has informed the proper officials of the VA that it must not ever be allowed to happen again."

"We remind this joint Committee that this particular veteran was eligible for the \$300 burial benefit because he expired in a VA hospital. We do not know what would have been the outcome . . . if this \$300 benefit had not been available."

"The truth of the matter is that, in these economic times, the \$300 benefit by itself does not buy more than the lowest-cost casket for a veteran. In fact, even with the proposed 25-percent increase, the burial benefit will still serve as partial payment of burial expenses for most—but, more importantly, the *only* payment for many." ✱

New Pamphlets Explain Economic Programs For Veterans

The National Economic Commission has available its new *Veterans Economic Entitlements* pamphlet listing available job, educational and small business programs for veterans, including the recently enacted Veterans' Emergency Job Program. The Economic Commission also has available its *Job Sources* and *Veterans Entitlements in the Job Market* pamphlets in Spanish. Also available is a LaBelle slide presentation on the economic program. More information may be obtained by contacting the National Economic Commission, 1608 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. ✱



Charles H. McCollum: A Rare Legionnaire

February is that month of the year when our thoughts typically revolve around the heart.

For Charles H. "Chuck" McCollum, February's Legionnaire of the Month, one month is pretty much the same as another when it comes to thoughts from the heart.

McCollum, a member of Huff-Minor Post 14, Ponca City, Okla., for more than 20 years has made three annual trips to his local Red Cross blood donor center. By Dec. 31, 1983, his "gift of life" totaled over eight gallons.

McCollum's service to the Red Cross goes beyond his blood donations. He has served on the organization's board of directors and in June 1982, was elected to a three-year term on its executive board. He has served as the captain of the blood donor campaign at Conoco, Inc., where he works as supervisor of gas measurement.

An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, McCollum joined the Legion 30 years ago. He has served as a member of the Americanism Council of the National Americanism Commission, was his Department's SAL Chairman, and has worked with the Legion's baseball program. He has served Post 14 as commander; finance officer every year but one since 1968; Boys State Committee chairman, and SAL and Scholarship Committee member.

For two years, he also was secretary-treasurer of The American Legion Children's Home in Ponca City. He raised more than \$14,775 for the capital improvement fund for the home.

Active in his Post, his Department and his community, Chuck McCollum truly personifies what the Legion stands for: service to God, country and community.

Legionnaires Led Nation Honoring Vets On Nov. 11

To many Americans, Veterans' Day is just another day off, another day free of the responsibilities of work or school.

But to members of The American Legion, as well as to thousands of citizens in cities and towns where saying 'thanks' is still a tradition, Veterans' Day 1983 was a day of solemn prayer for the men and women who have served their country.

Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul led a contingent of American leaders in what is believed to be the largest program. Joining Cdr. Kreul at a three-day observance in Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 9-11, were Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger, Past. Natl. Cdr. Dan Foley, other past and present leaders of The American Legion, and a gallery of men and women from every branch of the armed forces. All were there both to honor veterans and to show America that veterans who stood together in battle still stand together in seeking their just rights today.

"The veteran has a special place in American society," Cdr. Kreul told some 1,500 persons at a banquet Nov.

10. "Often, that place was not recognized quickly enough, as with our doughboys returning from 'The War To End All Wars,' or with disabled GIs returning in the early days of WWII. But we, as veterans, rallied to their plight.

"Collectively, veterans have returned from their call to colors and turned their swords into plowshares. They turned once again to the lives that had been interrupted by their nation in need. Often, resuming that life was not easy. For whatever reason, many veterans continued to fight not the enemy of their nation, but to regain their rightful place in the society they had so vigorously defended."

The Birmingham ceremonies attracted the attention of national and local media. Equally as important were others throughout America where Legionnaires led both small and large tributes to veterans.

In Washington, D.C., Natl. Vice Cdr. Robert W. Groccia, (Mass.), spoke at the 36th annual graveside service for

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Natl. Vice Cdr. Robert W. Groccia (left) and Auxiliary Dept. President Emma Wagner (Va.) place wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, Va.

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General of the Armies John J. Pershing at Arlington National Cemetery. Vice Cdr. Groccia and Auxiliary Dept. President Emma Wagner (Va.) also laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Natl. Adj. Robert W. Spanogle said, "We remember the rising chorus of doubts and recriminations that struck at the heart of American resolve ... and we recall that we still came, young Americans soon to be Vietnam veterans. We did not shirk our responsibility. When the debate surrounding the war rose in volume and demonstration ... still we came to answer the nation's call."

Remembering 2,400 POWs/MIAs from that war, Spanogle said, "We pledge ourselves anew to never rest until they are returned to us and to their families who even today maintain the vigil."

In Kentucky, Natl. Vice Cdr. J. Leslie Brown and former Dept. Cdr. Harold Y. Saunders were among several hundred persons who listened to Col. Ben Pollard during ceremonies at the dedication of the Veterans Memorial in Shelbyville. Pollard, a native of Shelbyville, was a fighter pilot captured by the North Vietnamese in 1967. He was MIA for 30 months before the Air Force could confirm his capture. He did not return home until 1973.

In Jamaica, N.Y., members of the Queens County American Legion participated in a program at the St. Alban VA Extended Care Center. John J. Uss, County Cdr., Frank V. Votto, past County Cdr., and Regina Wellington, Eastern Division Chmn. of the National Security Commission of The Auxiliary, took part.

With memories of the terrorist bombing in Lebanon and action in Grenada still fresh in his listeners' minds, COL Charles W. Ennis (Ret.), spoke of continuing sacrifices needed to preserve freedom in his address at the Baldwin County Courthouse, Milledgeville, Ga.

"Let us remember that the freedom we enjoy is not necessarily a permanent thing ... for there are those forces in the world today that seek to take away your freedom and mine," Ennis said.

Despite cold, damp weather in Liberty, Ky., hundreds of people crowded

the Casey County courthouse lawn for a program arranged by members of Casey Post 78. Gathered around the "doughboy" statue dedicated there on Armistice Day 1935, the crowd silently watched WWII veterans remove a drape from the life-sized statue.

All these ceremonies were very much in line with what former President and General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, had in mind in 1954 when he signed legislation changing Armistice Day to Veterans' Day. He noted the measure was intended to "honor veterans on the 11th day of November each year ... a day dedicated to peace." Although the day was changed officially in 1971 to the third

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Monday of November, many veterans have held fast to tradition, including those in Birmingham.

Echoing Eisenhower's words, Cdr. Kreul said in his speech in Birmingham, "That is the true essence of Veterans' Day: a day to recall veterans' sacrifices during war and to pay tribute to their contributions during peace. But let us not forget there may be terrible sacrifices paid during peace, as well. We must remember that those who serve today do so just as heroically as any who sacrificed during time of war.

"There will always be veterans in this country. Those of us who have known war will maintain the vigil here at home to work for an America strong in its quest for security. We will continue to offer assistance to our comrades in arms and their families. We will reinforce the very basic principles upon which this nation was founded by its first citizen soldiers. Those of us who have known war will pray that those who serve today will render their service in peace."

Veterans' Day, Cdr. Kreul added, is more than a day to swap war stories. It is a day to recall why those battles were fought and to re-dedicate ourselves to maintaining a strong America, in the hope she will not have to make those terrible sacrifices again. ☼



**Past Natl. Cdr.
Donald Wilson Dies**

Donald R. Wilson, 33rd National Commander of The American Legion, died Nov. 28. He was 66.

An attorney, Wilson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Princeton University in 1939. He was awarded a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1942. One month later he joined the Army and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps in 1943. He left the service in 1945, joined Post 13 in Clarksburg, W.Va., and in 1946 was elected its first WWII commander. Two years later, at age 31, he was elected Department Commander. His aggressive leadership in securing a veterans' bonus referendum in West Virginia attracted national attention.

As National Commander in 1951-52, Wilson was instrumental in winning national acclaim for the Legion by leading a "Back To God" program, fighting for the preservation of the VA and championing a realistic and forthright foreign policy. In 1951, he was named one of the 10 "Outstanding Young Men of America" by the National Jaycees.

There have been two National Commanders from West Virginia: Wilson and Louis Johnson (1932-33). Interestingly, Wilson and Johnson were members of the same Post and were law partners.

Wilson is survived by his wife, Mary Virginia, and two sons. ☼

COMING IN MARCH:

Until late 1979, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE regularly ran a monthly column in this section, entitled "Who? What? Where?" Severe space limitations, combined with an almost unrestricted usage of that column, regrettably forced us to cease accepting submissions for it coincident with publication of our November 1979 issue.

Since then, however, it has become apparent to the editors that our readers still need a means for locating their old comrades so as to organize reunions. That's why, in March, we'll initiate a new column, "Let's Get Together."

Readers interested in organizing reunions are invited to submit their names and the appropriate military/naval unit designations. Since available space remains at a premium, we will be able to accept only one such submission per person per year, and the listing we publish will consist only of the unit designation and the name, address and telephone number (if desired) of the person to be contacted.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given. Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, self-addressed envelope to O.R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices must be received five months before scheduled reunion. Earliest submissions are favored when the volume of notices is too great to print them all. Notice of Outfit Reunions are run only once during a calendar year.

Army

- 1st Medical Regt. (Aug-St. Louis) Floyd Thomure, 249 Burncoate Dr., St. Louis, MO 63129 (314) 487-5001
- 2nd Arm'd Div. (May-Oklaoma City) Donald Houston, 3902 Airport Ln., Stillwater, OK 74074 (405) 377-0507
- 4th Fighter Sq., 52nd Fighter Grp. (July-Mt. Clemens, MD) Ken Bumford, 2317 Playview, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082 (313) 293-2563
- 12th Arm'd Div. Assn. (Aug-Denver) Warren Maue, 4320 Germantown-Liberty Rd., Germantown, OH 45327 (513) 866-5004
- 14th Arm'd Div. (July-Washington) Andrew Tierno, 42 Vestal Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903
- 16th Arm'd Div. (Aug-Indianapolis) Raymond Wilson, 6925 N 900 E, Brownsburg, IN 46112 (317) 852-4555
- 31st Dixie DD Div., 124th/154th Inf. Serv. Co. (WWII) (May-Nashville, TN) Joe Wall, 3544 6th Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 323-5287
- 31st & 241st Engr. Bns. (Ft. Belvoir, VA) (WWII) (July-Little Falls, NY) Gerald Stone, 507 Lake St., Herkimer, NY 13350 (315) 866-5447
- 32nd Inf. Div. Assn. (Les Terribles) (Aug-Madison, WI) George Lehmann, Box 155, Lake Mills, WI 53551 (414) 648-8776
- 62nd A.F.A. Bn. (July-Amarillo, TX) Melvin Dane, 1028 Sarger Rd., Denton, TX 76201
- 90th Inf. Div. (June-Europe) Maj. Bill Falvey, 213 E. Main, Niles, MI 49120 (616) 684-4202
- 99th Signal Bn. (July-Louis) Hoyt Owsley, Preston, MO 65732 (417) 758-4424
- 125th Inf. Regt. Assn. (July-Detroit) John Obuck, 14812 Young, Detroit, MI 48205 (313) 521-8822
- 156th Inf., 31st Div. (WWII) (May-Lake Charles, LA) Evan Janise, Rt. 1, Box 300, Ragley, LA 70657 (318) 855-7314

- 158th RCT Bushmeister (August) Chuey Tapia, 2013 E. Whittion, Phoenix, AZ 85016
- 168th Inf., 34th Div., Anti-tank Co. (May-Bryan, OH) Robert Ernsberger, Rt. 5, Box 95, Rachel Hts., Bryan, OH 43506 (419) 636-3560
- 222nd Inf. (Rainbow Div.) (July-Windsor, Ontario, Canada) Leon Schenck, 2726 Glenview Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073 (313) 288-3937
- 276th Combat Engrs. (Aug-Orlando, FL) Lee Sharp, Rt. 1, Jay, OK 74346 (918) 529-4256
- 334th Ordnance Dpt. Co. (May-Cincinnati) Joe Hagen, 1539 Kinney, Cincinnati, OH 45231 (513) 522-5508
- 366th E.A.B. (Korea, 1952 (April-Baltimore) Al Morgan, 3546 1/2 4th St., Baltimore, MD 21225 (301) 355-4996
- 443rd AAA Assn. (WWII) (July-Hazleton, PA) Felix Viola, 524 E. Diamond Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201 (717) 455-5689
- 623rd Ordnance B.A.M. Bn. (Aug-Elgin, IL) Homer Jeffers, 71 Tollview Rd., Elgin, IL 60120 (312) 697-4945
- 630th Tank Destroyer Bn. (Aug-Pittsburgh) Alex Spark, 209 Old Hwy. 837, Floreffe, PA 15025 (412) 384-5284
- 640th QM Ldry. Co. (July-Gatlinburg, TN) Charlie Mills, 405 W. Glenwood St., Knoxville, TN 37917 (615) 525-9028
- 749th Railroad Oper. Bn. (July-Las Vegas, NV) Donald Gotard, 4173 Dixie Ct., Columbus, OH 43228 (614) 279-3026
- 807th Tank Destroyer Bn. (July-Rapid City, SD) Harold Steckelberg, Box 6, Chamberlain, SD 57325 (605) 734-5703
- 808th Tank Destroyer Bn. (WWII) (July-Nashville, TN) Robert Steelman, 816 Brookhaven Cir., Shelbyville, TN 37160 (615) 684-1519
- 841st Engr. Avn. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Vincennes, IN) Dale Wright, Box 365, Kansas, IL 61933 (217) 948-5185
- 850th Avn. Engrs. (May-Kansas City, MO) Mike Sandella, 4735 Cedar, Kansas City, MO 64133 (816) 353-9279
- 894th Tank Destroyer Bn. (April-Las Vegas, NV) Ellett Jackson, 3500 Akers Rd., #57, Bakersfield, CA 93309 (805) 397-6575
- 1061st Engrs. PC&R (July-Pigeon Forge, TN) Jack Fickey, Kingston Rd., Loudon, TN 37774 (615) 458-2367
- "B" Btry., 290th A.F.A. Bn. (Aug-St. Louis, IL) Derward Byrd, Rt. 1, Box 115, Palestine, AR 72372 (501) 768-3365
- "B" Btry., 771st F.A. Bn. (July-Lexington, KY) David Scott, 661 N. Center, Braidwood, IL 60408 (815) 458-2416
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- "B" Co., 3942nd QM Truck Co. (July-Cedar Rapids, IA) Sam Schmidt, Deep River, IA 52222 (515) 595-3860
- "C" Co., 347th Combat Engrs. (June-Arlington, TX) John Barnett, Box 777, Bridgeport, TX 76026 (817) 683-4287
- "D" Co., 738th M.P. Bn. (June-West Bend, WI) C. Aschenbrenner, 1702 Harold St., Green Bay, WI 54302 (414) 432-6951
- "E" Co., 309th Regt., 78th Inf. Div. (May-Wildwood Crest, NJ) James Woodard, 516 Rambo Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442 (201) 839-2767
- Retired Army Nurse Corps Assn. (April-Orlando, FL) RANCA Convention 84, Box 1006, Fern Park, FL 32730 (813) 393-8691

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- 24th Seabees (WWII) (April-Ft. Wayne, IN) Hersel Dumbauld, 815 Zahn St., Huntington, IN 46750
- 136th NCB (June-Milwaukee) Ralph Harrison, 837 Millwood Rd., Broken Arrow, OK 74011 (918) 455-8243
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- LCC Boats (WWII) (June-Chicago) Robert Wilson, Rt. 2, Box 193, Stuart, IA 50250 (515) 523-1341
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- US Naval Astronautics Grp. Detach. (Bravo, 1964-present) (June-Rosemont, MN) John Morrison, 14896 Cimarron Ave. West, Rosemont, MN 55068 (612) 423-2496
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- USS Augusta (CA 31) (April-Orlando, FL) Robert Bastian, 5604 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311 (703) 820-9061
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- USS Chikaskia (AO 54) (April-Annapolis, MD) Carroll Chauvin, 2701 Hudson Pl., New Orleans, LA 70114 (504) 392-2545
- USS Cobia (SS 245) (Aug-Manitowoc, WI) Daniel Pelton, 4311 E. Vermont, Phoenix, AZ 85018 (602) 840-1821
- USS Gainard (DD 766) (Aug-Norfolk, VA) Cecil Ken-

- drick, 720 Hemlock Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 (804) 495-1708
- USS Hawbill (SS 366) (Aug-Manitowoc, WI) Leonard Ernst, 2323 9th Pl., Two Rivers, WI 54241 (414) 793-3835
- USS Henrico (APA 45) (1943-68) (Feb-San Diego) Don Soper, Box 627, Platte City, MO 64079 (816) 431-5411
- USS Hopkins (DMS 13) (August) George Lampe, Rt. 3, Box 37, Beatrice, NE 68310 (402) 228-0713
- USS Icefish (SS 367), Manitowoc-built Submarines (Aug-Manitowoc, WI) Charles Wedel, 4728 Cty. Tk. B., Manitowoc, WI 54220 (414) 682-7246
- USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. (DD 850) (Aug-Providence, RI) James Hayes, Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA 02721 (617) 678-1100
- USS Knapp (DD 653) (July-Charleston, SC) James Williams, Jr., 141 E. Hampton St., Camden, SC 29020 (803) 432-4013
- USS LCI (L) 445 (June-St. Louis) Frank Cerra, C-68 Huemeryn, Rt. 1, Chester, NJ 07930 (201) 879-7931
- USS LCS (2-3) 19 (Aug-Chicago) Carl Breuer, 2405 Eastman, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (312) 392-1676
- USS Lexington (CV-2) Club (May-Reno, NV) Walt Kastner, 466 Ivy Glen Dr., Mira Loma, CA 91752
- USS Loggerhead (SS 374) (Aug-Manitowoc, WI) Edward Olesewski, 1266 S. 31st St., Manitowoc, WI 54220 (414) 682-2953
- USS LSM 24 (April-Hobart, IN) Paul Wolek, 3260 Shelby St., Hobart, IN 46342 (219) 962-2043
- USS LST 453 (USS Remus) (WWII) (June-Page/Lake Powell, UT) Boyd Shelby, 3150 E. 3900 So., Salt Lake City, UT 84117 (801) 277-7600
- USS LST 508 (June-St. Louis) James Odum, Sr., 2213 Portola Ave., Stockton, CA 95209 (209) 951-1626
- USS Mobile (CL 63) (Aug-Charleston, SC) Chaplain E. W. Rogers, 1830 Main St., Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 779-0610
- USS Oklaoma Assn. (May-Dubuque, IA) Clarence Knight, 7831 Aberdeen Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814
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- USS Rainier (AE 5) (May-Mobile, AL) W. H. Baker, 2111 Montclair Dr., Greenville, NC 27834 (919) 752-7784
- USS Ranger (CV 4) (Aug-Pensacola, FL) George Kings-ton, Star Rtr., Box 3498, Lillian, AL 36549 (205) 962-2171
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- USS Tennessee (BB 43) (June-Philadelphia) James Hawkins, 1209 W. Wynnd Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096 (215) 642-5677
- USS Ticonderoga (CV/CVA/CVS 14) (May-Chicago) Max Silvka, 6933 N. Kedzie Ave. #516, Chicago, IL 60645
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- USS Whitehurst (DE 634) Assn. (June-Charlotte, NC) Jon Shaver, 104 N. Oxalis Dr., Orlando, FL 32807
- USS Woolsey (DD 437) (May-St. Louis) Tony Torres, 13710 Capiz Ct., Whittier, CA 90601 (213) 693-8023

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- 13th, 14th, 22nd, 27th Photo Sqdns. & Supporting Personnel (June-Colorado Spgs., CO) John Neff, 1404 N. Grant, Lexington, NE 68850 (308) 324-3434
- 43rd M.R. & R Sq. (May-Bella Vista, AR) Gordon Lindeblad, 6 Windermere, Bella Vista, AR 72714 (501) 855-1034
- 60th Troop Carrier Grp. (WWII) (June-Little Rock, AR) John Diamantakos, 7216 Pine Tree Ln., Fairfield, AL 35064 (205) 923-2323
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- 75th Air Depot Wing (Aug-Salt Lake City) Kenneth Brunmeier, Box 181, Onida, SD 57564 (605) 258-2325
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- 99th Bomb Group (H) (May-Houston) James Flex, Box 1185, Dickinson, TX 77539 (713) 337-2240
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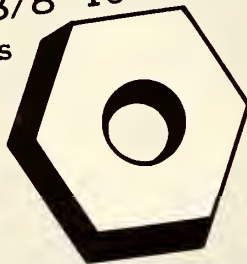


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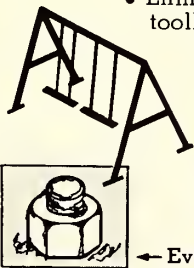
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B-58 Hustler Assn. (June-Ft. Worth, TX) Kenneth Ryker, 448 Meadowhill Dr., Benbrook, TX 76126 (817) 249-2877

Coast Guard

USS Pettit (DE 253) (Aug-Houston) Edward Lesniak, 8311 Osceola, Niles, IL 60648 (312) 967-7655

Miscellaneous

Retired Enlisted Assn. (TREA) (July-Las Vegas, NV)
TREA Enlisted Reunion, Box 50584, Washington, DC 20004

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46206.

82nd A/B Div., 307th A/B Eng. Marvin M. Ellison is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in Garvagh, North Ireland in January 1944, he suffered a back injury when a wall collapsed in a hut. Contact CID 915

509th Aviation Sq. Leonard A. Frank needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Yucca Flats, Nevada in May 1953, he participated in atomic tests and now suffers from Hodgkins disease. Contact CID 916

Balboa Naval Hospital, RTC/NTC. Danial R. Lucero needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at San Diego Naval Hospital in 1974, he was exposed to radiation which aggravated a schizophrenia condition. Contact CID 917

898th AAA AW Bn. John R. McCauley, Jr. is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Lemburg, France in January 1945, he suffered from a nervous condition and was treated in Ireland. He later was diagnosed as schizophrenic. Contact CID 918

"C" Btry., 57th F.A. Bn. Rufus C. Mullikin, Jr. needs witnesses to verify a claim that while at Korea in February 1956, he suffered frostbite and was treated in field hospital. Contact CID 919

Hq. Thule AFB Greenland. William L. Shellman needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Fletchers Ice Island, Greenland in December 1956, he suffered frozen hands after they were accidentally submerged in diesel fuel. Contact CID 920

USS Augusta. Leonard J. Sobczak needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Algiers, North Africa in April 1944, he suffered a concussion and loss of hearing during enemy action and was hospitalized. Contact CID 921

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Merrill H. Davis, George A. Reuhl, Paul Wheeler (1983), Post 62, Youngtown, Ariz.

Homer C. Townsend (1983), Post 39, Sebastopol, Calif.

Lloyd M. Moon, Russel N. Fox (1983), Post 47, Livermore, Calif.

William H. Cleary (1966), Fred H. Horman (1977), Gerald A. Butler, Robert W. Fauntleroy (1980), Henry J. Krages, Edward L. Moore (1981), William F. Thomas (1982), Frank J. Navalaney, Josephine C. Western (1983), Post 217, College Park, Md.

Howard G. Braaten, Edwin C. Freidlund, Richard Hultgren, Severt Madsen, Laverne H. Olson (1983), Post 99, Minneapolis, Minn.

Chester E. Ellis (1983), Post 26, Bristol, N.H.

Walter G. Mallory, Stephen Masich, Jr., John J. Miller, Orville J. Place, Carl A. Pohl, William H. Proefrock, Carl Rockenbrock, Carl Runge, Allen R. Stoelting, John L. Winiatowski (1983), Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.

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45-54	26,400	23,760	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	14,400	12,960	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	9,600	8,640	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	6,000	5,400	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
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TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

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5 Legionnaires To Win Recognition As 'Good Neighbors'

Five American Legionnaires will win national recognition in May, under the Legion's 1983-1984 Good Neighbor Award program.

Winners, to be selected by a panel of judges, will be announced during the Legion's May meeting in Indianapolis May 9 and 10.

Each winner will be the guest of honor at an award luncheon to be held in his or her own community and will receive a Good Neighbor Award plaque plus a check for \$1,000 payable to the recipient's favorite Legion-approved charity.

One award will be presented in each of five categories: for work with veterans, for outstanding volunteer service, for heroism, for community service and for youth activities.

Nominations for the awards must be submitted on an Official Nomination Application form, distributed to all Posts in the January issue of *The American Legion ADVANCE*. All nominations must be received at National Headquarters by March 31.

Departments are urged to encourage their respective Posts to participate actively in the nomination process.

Good Neighbor Award winners also will be announced in *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*'s July issue.

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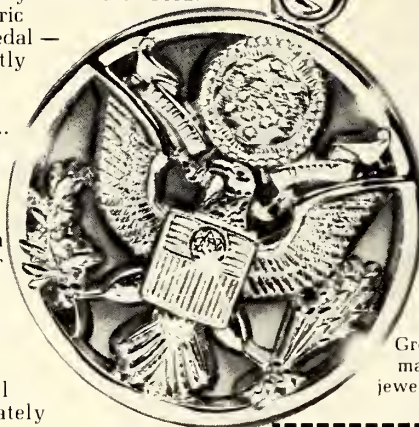
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Commander's Message

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House Rules Committee from further consideration of H.R. 1510 and force it to the House floor, whether or not the Speaker wants immigration reform debated. In order for this infrequently used parliamentary device to succeed, 218 representatives must sign the petition personally.

Within two weeks of its introduction last October, 117 members had signed and, we may speculate, the Speaker changed his mind about allowing debate on H.R. 1510 because of the early and sizable support of the discharge petition by members of Congress. Should that support lessen this month, the Speaker could reason that he can

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safely execute another petition, reversal on his commitment to allow the House to work its will on immigration reform.

There are several things Legionnaires can do to assure speedy action on H.R. 1510. Each of us should contact our members of Congress — Hispanic or otherwise — and let them know we support immigration reform and that we want the full House to debate H.R. 1510 immediately. We should telephone their congressional district offices, write to them at their Washington, D.C., offices, talk to them personally — or use a combination of all three. Election year notwithstanding, and in spite of all its complexity and the heated emotions on all sides of the debate, this issue is far too important to be laid aside.

When we succeed in having the measure brought to the House floor, The American Legion will pursue its mandate and exert every effort to see that the bill is amended to make it stronger. We must ask our representatives to support an amendment that strikes amnesty for illegal aliens from the bill. Just such an amendment is expected to be offered by Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla.

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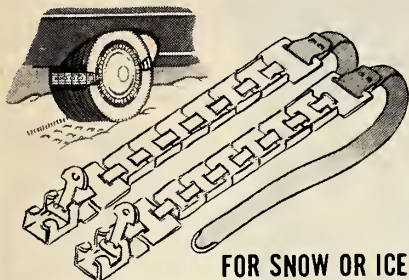
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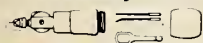
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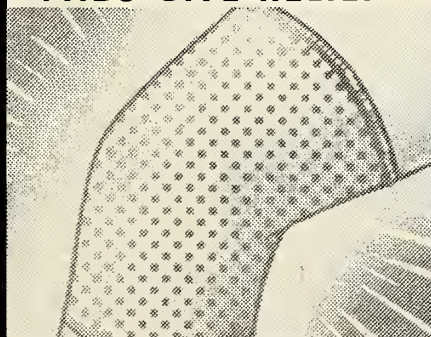
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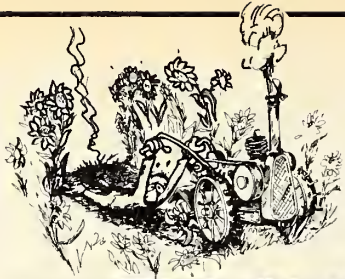
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We agree with Hispanic leaders in their justifiable concern that employer sanctions might create discrimination

"...eliminating employer sanctions from the bill is not the answer."

against "foreign-appearing" individuals in the workplace. Why, these leaders ask, would any employer hire a foreign-appearing job applicant if there were a risk of being fined should the applicant subsequently be found to be an illegal alien?

Contrary to what Hispanic spokesmen have suggested, eliminating employer sanctions from the bill is not the answer. Instead—it seems to us—a worker identification card system offering the least possible chance for forgery or counterfeiting must be adopted. Such a tamper-proof identification system offers the soundest possible guarantee against discrimination to all foreign-appearing citizens.

The questions of employer sanctions and identification systems notwithstanding, we know all too well that this sort of amnesty is bad public policy.

This month we will observe the birthdays of two Americans who established traditions we cherish today. George Washington led us in our fight for democracy and self-destiny. Abraham Lincoln sought to preserve the integrity of our society under one union. Those are the same values we as veterans took up arms to defend. Now is the time to act once again in maintaining a society of citizens who have earned the right to participate legally in American democracy.

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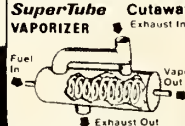


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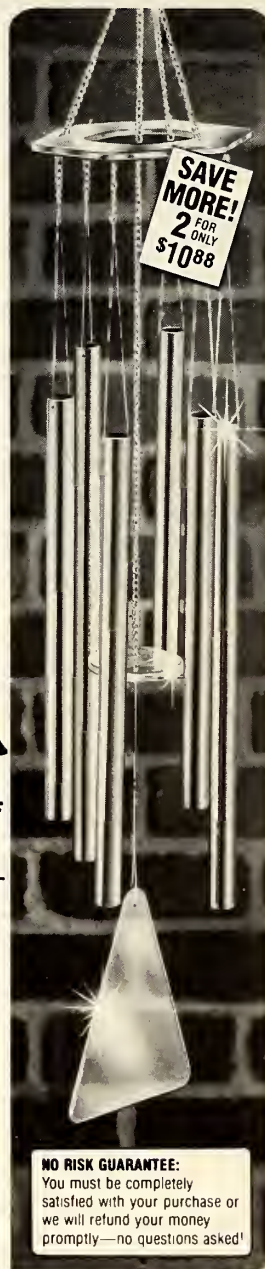
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to go with Barnard that fateful day, as he had been privy to the plot to seize the ship. Barnard was greatly distressed when he heard this and told Ansel, "Then you are just where you ought to be."

When the weather moderated, the group loaded their provisions into their small boat and rowed farther west to Swan Island which promised better conditions for survival. First, they built a rude stone shelter to pro-

"Then another unexpected threat... appeared. Rats! They were everywhere."

tect them from the elements. Then Barnard assigned duties. One man was to cook and keep watch. Two men daily scoured the island with the dog in search of food. The two others cut and stitched sealskins into jackets, trousers, vests, caps and shoes. ("We were fortunate enough to have sail-needles, and ball of twine, and when that was expended, we took a cloth out of our main-sail, unravelled it, and thus procured a good substitute for the twine.") They exchanged duties daily, so that each man performed his full share of all labors.

Life on Swan Island slowly fell into place. They made beds from the rough tussock grass. Seal blubber provided them with fuel; shells ingeniously became spoons. Barnard started keeping a detailed journal on the backs of elephant-seal pup skins. He mixed charcoal and sticky plant juice for his ink and fashioned pens from goose quills. They lived off wild pigs, shellfish and edible plants.

The winter weather moderated. Then another unexpected threat to their survival appeared. Rats! They were everywhere. They ate the castaways' provisions as fast as they could be collected. Barnard ingeniously solved this problem by lashing three oars together to form a tripod, suspending the food from the apex and greasing the oars with seal blubber to keep the rats from climbing them.

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ing area arrived. The men feasted on scrambled eggs, fried eggs and omelets.

Everything fell into place. They had gone to the brink. But Barnard's strength and wisdom as a leader had brought them back from the precipice. They were survivors.

Then, unexpectedly, one day in October, Barnard's world collapsed. He had set out to search for elephant seals. As he returned to camp, he spotted his four companions rowing the one boat away from the shore. Without warning, they had abandoned him, taking everything he needed to survive.

Barnard acted quickly. First, he had to have fire. He checked the cold ashes in the fire pit, discovered one solitary ember ready to go out, and kindled himself a blaze. "Thus, I surmounted one of the most serious difficulties in which their inhuman desertion had involved me."

Barnard took a fresh accounting of his situation. It was clear that his companions, by depriving him of every

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necessary article for his survival, wished him dead. He gazed at the sail of their boat growing smaller in the distance and said aloud, "Go, then, for you are all bad fellows." Barnard guessed that Ansel had somehow imposed his will on the other three.

Characteristically, Barnard wasted no time on recriminations or self-pity. Instead, he set about anew to fashion a semblance of life from his bleak surroundings. "I was now a Robinson Crusoe again; but began to be more reconciled to my hard fate, and determined, with the divine aid, if it should be my destiny to continue here for the remainder of my days, that I should in no case despair, but that, cheered by the recollection of having endeavored to perform the duties of my station, I would with the calm surface of the oceans of eternity in view, say, 'God's will be done.'"

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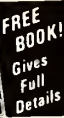
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Two months after they had abandoned him, the four sailors returned to Swan Island. They had been able to survive only poorly on their own. "We wish to land and live with you again, and we hope that you will forgive us," they said. True to his nature, Barnard readily forgave them.

Another year passed. Once, Ansel, in a mad fit, clubbed Barnard down and almost killed him before the other men dragged him away. After recovering, Barnard banished Ansel to another island where he remained for

"Rescue finally came . . . 18 months after the five had been marooned."

over a month in solitary confinement before he was permitted once again to rejoin the others.

Rescue finally came on Nov. 25, 1814, 18 months after the five had been marooned. Three men went looking for food. Barnard suddenly heard a scream from Louder. He saw Albrook turn, go pale, nearly fall and then start to cry. "The first thought that struck me was that they had both gone mad and that it was occasioned by our diet." Albrook finally managed to stutter, "Two ships! Two ships!" and pointed into the bay. Barnard turned and saw two brigs sailing into the harbor. The three men broke down and wept.

Barnard tracked the ships from his vantage point and saw where they anchored. That afternoon they launched their little boat for the last time. Barnard had put on his last remnant of a shirt. "I observed that on this joyful occasion I could afford to wear a shirt." A few hours later the five of them were safely on board the *Indispensable*.

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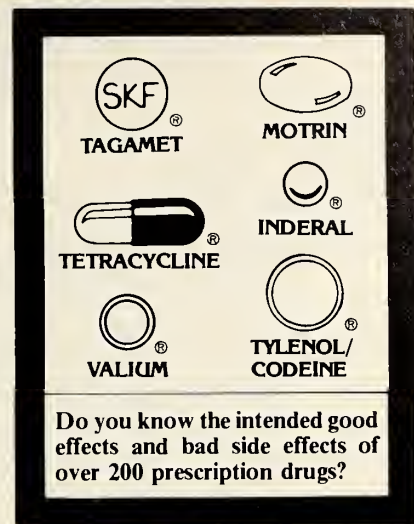
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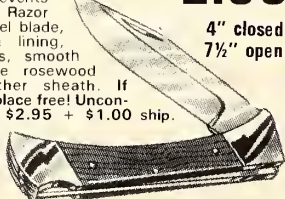
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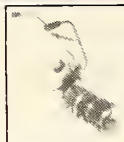


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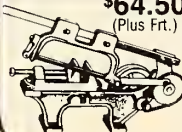


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• Some 75 Communist parties outside the Soviet Union with a total membership exceeding 3.6 million, and dozens of international Communist fronts posing as independent organizations but actually financed and controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Soviets. These fronts, which seek to depict the US as a warmonger and the USSR as a peacemaker, exploit the understandable fear of nuclear holocaust to gain support of hundreds of thousands of non-Communists, even anti-Marxists, for various crusades and movements purporting to advance the cause of peace.

• The state security organization (KGB), which secretly supplies money to foreign politicians, sends agents into many countries, and is engaged in "disinformation" projects. The objective of disinformation is to embarrass the United States and foment suspicion among Western allies by disseminating forged documents of "secret" US policy decisions that reveal

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America's "perfidy" and "lack of reliability." Moreover, some of the 500 Soviet newsmen working abroad are intelligence officers; all are presumably employees of the Soviet state, in accordance with the general organization of the government of the USSR.

Against this global network which the Central Intelligence Agency has called "second to none," the United States pits a somewhat more modest lineup of its own.

• The United States Information Agency, which runs the Voice of America and performs a host of other functions with a staff of 7,500 men and an annual budget of around \$500 million. VOA broadcasts some 1,900 hours a week, in 39 languages.

• Two other US-financed broadcast services, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, whose operations are overseen by an independent federal agency known as the Board of International Broadcasting, together have some

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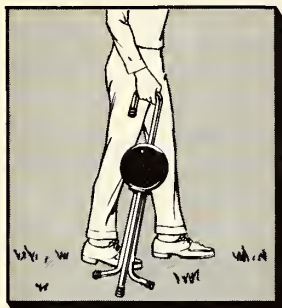
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Broadcasts are the centerpiece of each side's propaganda effort, and here the Soviets enjoy a technical superiority. Radio Moscow has 37 superpower

"[RFE/RL] specialize in reporting events behind the Iron Curtain."

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Radio Free Europe, for example, has had to exercise extraordinary caution in tense situations, such as in Czechoslovakia in 1968 and Poland in 1981-82, lest it be accused of inciting rebellion—a charge leveled at RFE by Communists and even some western media in the aftermath of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. The question being raised by some now is whether RFE, in consequence, may not have become too "bland"—thus risking loss of interest in Poland and other nations.

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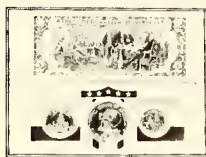


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What about broadcasts to what many consider an Achilles' heel of the Soviets: the restive non-Russian minorities inside the USSR? The problem for Radio Liberty and the Voice of America is to strike the right balance between straight news and controversy-prone commentary. One school of thought contends that the issue of the non-Russian peoples is too complex and too explosive, and that a hard-line approach might boomerang. Others argue, however, that this is precisely

"We are careful to separate hard news and commentary . . ."

one area of Soviet vulnerability that ought to be exploited.

In other parts of the world, the intensity of the propaganda war depends on the region.

In the Middle East, Radio Moscow has few followers, but the Soviets have built a base of support among leftist parties and use them to ram home two issues of universal appeal to the Arabs: the "right of Palestinians to a homeland" and the "threat" being posed by Israel, a US "client" state. In Latin America, the Sandinista takeover in Nicaragua has buoyed up Marxists and Communists throughout the area by offering proof that Cuba need not be the only anti-US bastion in America's former "backyard."

The Soviets have long been waging a costly propaganda campaign in western Europe but, to date, with limited success. In Italy, for example, the Soviets can count on the cooperation of western Europe's largest Communist Party that itself contributes an estimated \$15 million a year to the effort. Yet Italians remain among the staunchest pro-Americans. In France,

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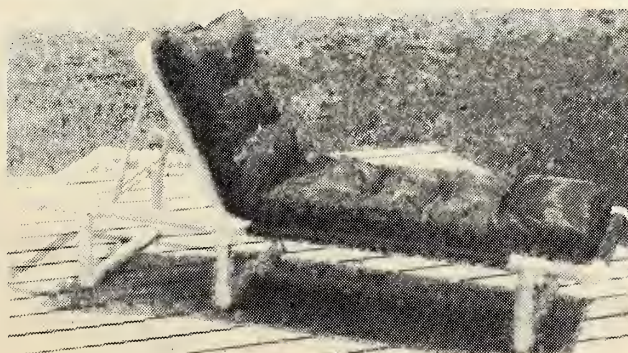
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the only pro-Soviet newspaper, L'Humanité, has perennial financial problems—Soviet financial support notwithstanding.

It is yet too early to tell what impact, if any, the Soviet destruction of the Korean airliner will have on western Europe's anti-nuclear movement or on the effectiveness of various communist front organizations.

The Soviets have other arrows in the propaganda quiver. One of the sharpest is labeled "disinformation."

Disinformation and other "dirty tricks" are not a Soviet monopoly. But while the US, in the wake of embarrassing public disclosures of some of its "dirty tricks," has had to tread cautiously and become highly selective, the Kremlin is answerable to no one and is concerned with results only.

The current Soviet disinformation offensive, which began in the mid-1970s, uses forgery and planting of false reports.

A case in point was an article in the

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Soviet publication *Oggi*, which is distributed in Italy, implicating the US in the shooting of Pope John Paul II. The Soviets contended the opinions were those of the author, employed by the Soviet press agency Novosti, but the charges were not denied by Moscow and the article received considerable attention from Italian newspapers. A similar example is a Soviet-instigated report that the CIA was involved in the plane crash that killed Panama's leader Omar Torrijos Herrera on July 31, 1981. Again, some left-leaning Latin American newspapers gave the charges a big play. Yet another disinformation project hinged on a forged letter from President Reagan to Spain's King Juan Carlos, in which the US president urged the king to get Spain to join NATO and come down on "left-wing opposition."

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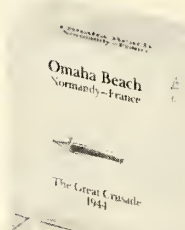
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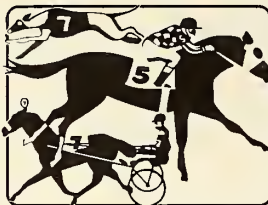
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US information officers abroad marshal facts against Soviet lies, smears and innuendoes.

The project, however, is not without its critics. As Soviet disinformation is also exposed in Voice of America commentaries, some are concerned about VOA's credibility as an objective purveyor of news.

But USIA Director Charles Z. Wick says that VOA is careful about its news programs, always labeling news analyses as such.

In addition to "Project Truth," the Reagan Administration has of late taken steps to deny the Soviets a technical edge in broadcasting. It has requested some \$23 million for an overhaul of obsolescent VOA equipment, which includes a captured World War II German transmitter in Europe. There also is some movement toward getting more powerful transmitters for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

The apparent determination to have the United States abandon an essentially defensive posture and take the offensive is also manifest in other areas. USIA's news-feature service, Dateline America, is distributed to periodicals around the world; it promotes American lifestyles and focuses on positive accomplishments by and in the U.S. Then there is Radio Martí, an anti-Castro broadcast initiative that is designed to do for Cuba what Radio Free Europe is doing for eastern Europe: provide a flow of uncensored news. The project has encountered some opposition in Congress, but the current administration is pushing hard to make it operational soon.

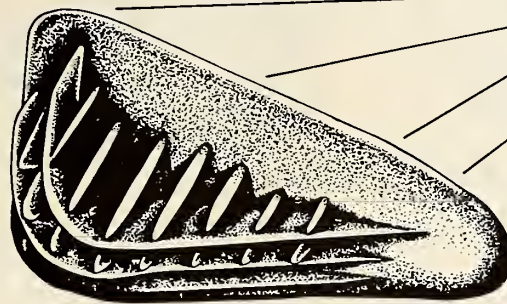
Also, more information officers are being sent overseas, news-gathering assistance for foreign journalists in the US is being increased and government-sponsored youth exchanges are to rise markedly in the next four years.

So the great propaganda war is heating up. For the US, it still is an uphill battle. The Soviets outspend us about two to one and they can count on disciplined shock troops in many parts of the world—including dozens of international Communist fronts that make good use of mankind's fear of nuclear conflagration.

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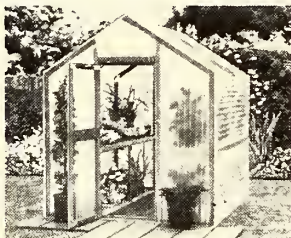
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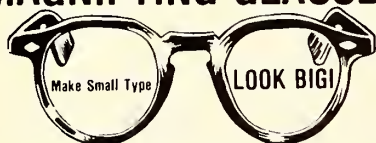
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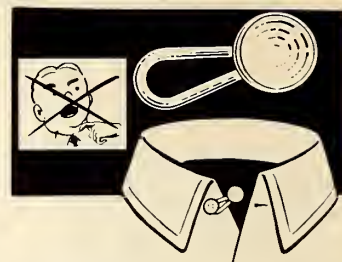
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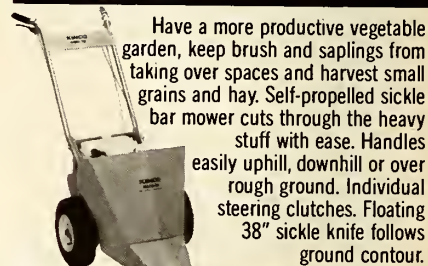
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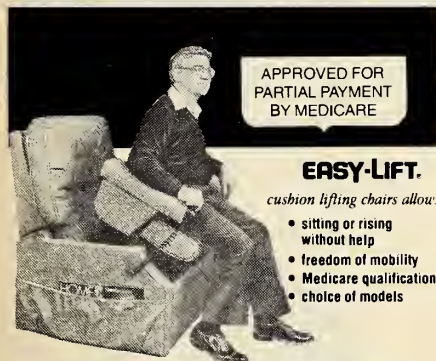
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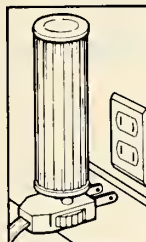
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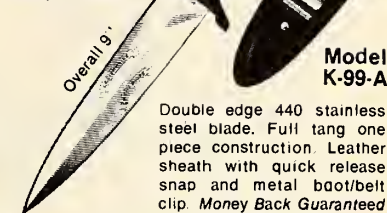
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Closed Case

An engaged woman with a problem wrote to the lovers' advice columnist stating, "I wear false teeth. Shall I tell my fiancé before we're married, or shall I wait until after?"

The response was, "Tell him nothing. After you're married, keep your mouth shut."

—SYLVIA NEWLIN

A Thumb Buster

The trouble with life is that you're half-way through it before you realize it's one of those do-it-yourself deals.

—GEORGE E. BERGMAN

Past Perfect

Remember when a teacher would say, "I'll teach you a thing or two," to a student and it was a threat, not a hope?

—GENE DELAINE

No Second Chance

Private: "How many successful jumps must a paratrooper make before he graduates?"

Sergeant: "All of 'em—or else he's in big trouble!"

—KENNETH E. HALL

Wheeling And Walking

What a mixed-up time we live in. Now the car is the necessity, and walking is the luxury.

—GIL STERN

Change For The Bitter

I really hoped it "might have been" Would, in effect, grow lesser. But what's sad in tongue or pen Seems sadder by word processor.

—RICHARD C. SHEBELSKI

Why Listen?

The psychiatrist ushered out his last patient for the day, heaved a weary sigh of relief, locked his desk, turned on his hearing aid and went home.

—DEBORAH COGHAN

Not To Be Outdone

There were two NCO clubs side by side at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., in 1951. The one reserved for Master Sergeants, First Sergeants and Technical Sergeants had a sign over the door: *First Three Graders Only*. The other NCO club put up its own sign in response: *Fourth Grade Through High School*.

—P. LEVANT

Self-Defense

Religious stories have a special meaning for kids. One second-grader recited for the teacher the story of David and Goliath—how David hit the big giant in the forehead using his slingshot and the giant Goliath fell dead.

"What does that teach us?" the teacher asked.

He replied, "Duck."

—ETTA WHITESTONE

No Difference

Racing driver Teo Fabi, also an expert downhill skier, was asked if there was any difference between driving and skiing. He replied, "None at all. When you're going as fast as you can at anything, it feels like you're going faster than you should."

—ROGER THORNHILL

Obvious

Told he required surgery, the patient said, "I want a second opinion." "Certainly," the doctor replied, "You're also overweight."

—EDWARD OTTO

Animated Small Talk

Poise: That ability to keep talking while someone else picks up the check.

—GEORGE WINGET

On The Run

It seems we joggers Are caught in a snare: There's no sidestepping Smog posing as air.

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Sign in front of church: Help Stop Truth Decay.

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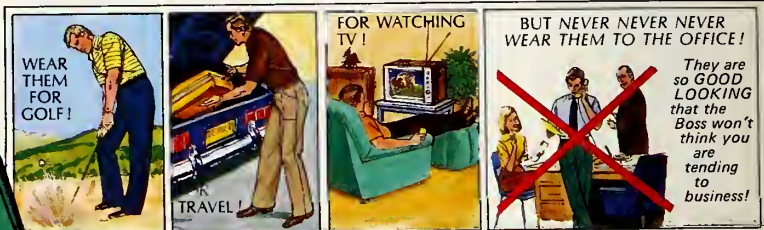
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